

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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CANCER AND CARDIO VASCULAR SCREENING PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the non-availability of trained manpower has affected the Government's ambitious Cancer and Cardio-Vascular Screening Programme to check the high incidence of noncommunicable diseases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Health Centres and CGHS Wellness Centres are not fully equipped to screen cancer and cardiovascular cases at an initial stage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to arrange for screening of cancer and cardio-vascular patients at initial stage in health centres/CGHS Wellness centres?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b): No. Under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardio-vascular diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), as on date, more than 5.33 crore persons have been screened, out of them 6.13% are found suspected of diabetes and 5.41% are suspected of having Hypertension. For screening of common cancers i.e. Breast, Oral and Cervical Cancers, necessary guidelines have been issued for use by health care providers at various levels.

(c) to (e): CGHS Wellness Centres are not tertiary Health Care Centres. However, Medical Officers at Wellness Centres and Specialists at polyclinics under CGHS screen the beneficiaries for cancer and cardiovascular cases at the initial stage with clinical examination and get basic investigation performed, if necessary through empanelled diagnostic centres during OPD consultation.

Preventive Health check up for CGHS beneficiaries aged 40 and above is done at 8 Wellness Centres in Delhi.