

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

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DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF NCDS IN A & N ISLANDS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the proposal for testing of HbA1C of each individual once in three months for detection of diabetes at every primary health centre of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the same is likely to be implemented therein;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented the suggestions for issuance of health cards for diagnosis of Non- Communicable Diseases (NCDs) through outsourcing in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and
- (e) whether the school health programme implemented by the contractual nurses to mitigate malnutrition and address other health issues as raised by the public representative has been complied by the health administration of the Islands, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) & (b): As informed by the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Island Administration, there is no proposal for testing of HbA1C of each individual.

The extant guideline of the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardio-vascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) do not include testing of HbA1C of each individual on a routine basis for screening purpose.

(c): No.

(d): The guidelines of the NPCDCS do not include health cards. However, these provide for referral cards for the patients attended to and referred by the PHCs/CHCs to the higher level health facilities for further detection and treatment.

(e): It is informed by Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Island Administration that the School Health Programme has been merged with Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK). As per the guidelines of RBSK, four teams with two AYUSH Doctos, one Staff Nurse and one Pharmacist in each team have already been appointed. These teams are doing School Health Programmes with one team each in Nicobar and Andaman Districts to mitigate malnutrition and address other health conditions in the school children.