

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

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Chronic Constipation

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- (a) whether as per study, a number of people suffer from chronic constipation, particularly in the urban areas of the country, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is lack of awareness about the disease and the patients begin late treatment, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to create awareness about constipation and its seriousness?

Answer

(a) to (c): There has been no nation-wide study to determine the number of people suffering from chronic constipation, particularly in the urban areas of the country.

Health being a state subject, it is the prerogative of the State Government to provide comprehensive healthcare to its public. Patients with the above stated problem can avail treatment from relevant departments of the State run health facilities. The Central Government Hospitals augment the efforts of the State Governments.