

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

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DIAGNOSTIC FACILITIES FOR NCDs
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether medical infrastructure to diagnose Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) are satisfactory in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any request has been received by the Government/Health Department of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands from public representatives regarding testing of NCDs through outsourced health facilities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to scale up diagnostic and treatment facilities to tackle NCDs in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) & (b): As informed by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, health facilities are provided by the Government through a network of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), District Hospitals and G.B. Pant Hospital (referral hospital) at Port Blair. While facilities for diagnosing hypertension are available even at Sub-Centre level, Blood Sugar estimation and ECG facilities are available at PHCs and higher level institutions. Facilities of CT scan, MRI, TMT, Holter etc., are available at GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair. However, for coronary angiogram the patients are referred to Health Institutions in mainland.

(c) & (d) Yes. Andaman and Nicobar Administration has recently received suggestions for health card for diagnosis of NCDs through outsourcing, by Hon'ble Member of Parliament in the Review District Planning Committee Meetings of North and Middle Andaman and South Andaman Districts held on 17th June and 21st June, 2014 respectively.

(e): Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Card(e) Government of India has launched National Programme for Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) in 2010 to prevent and control Non-Communicable diseases by generation of awareness, behaviour and life style changes, early diagnosis of persons with high levels of risk factors and appropriate management and referral to higher facilities.

Under NPCDCS, during 2013-14, an amount of Rs.5 lakh and during 2014-15 an amount of Rs.22 lakh has been released to Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

In addition, the Government has in the year 2013-14, approved a scheme for enhancing the Tertiary Care Cancer facilities in the country. Under this scheme (tertiary component of NPCDCS), Government of India will assist 50 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCC) in different parts of the country. The maximum assistance inclusive of State Share for TCCC is Rs.45 crores. Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands can avail of financial assistance under the said scheme.