

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2229
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020**

POPULATION BASED SCREENING FOR HYPERTENSION

2229. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to conduct population based screening for hypertension, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the current status of India Hypertension Control Initiative and the number of people who have been registered for treatment under this initiative;
- (c) the success rate of treatment adherence; and
- (d) the manner in which Government is ensuring that screening and treatment of hypertension remains a priority during the current pandemic considering it as a major co-morbidity for COVID?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): Under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), Population-based Screening for Diabetes, Hypertension and Common Cancer (Oral, Breast, and Cervical) has been initiated for early detection of common Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the community, by utilizing services of Frontline Health and Community workers. Screening for common NCDs, including hypertension, is also an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres.

(b) & (c): India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) is being implemented in 41 districts of 7 States. The number of patients registered under IHCI by end August was 8,67,067. As per available information, Telengana had the highest Blood Pressure (BP) control rate (63%) while Punjab and Maharashtra had low BP control rates.

(d): During the current COVID-19, activities pertaining to screening for common NCDs, including hypertension, across public health facilities are on priority. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has issued detailed guidance note on delivery of essential health services during COVID-19, which includes re-organizing screening activities to ensure uninterrupted services to the community.