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**EARLY SCREENING PROGRAMMES FOR NCDS**

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

- (a) the present status of early screening programmes for diabetes, hypertension and major variants of cancer under Primary and Secondary healthcare facilities across the country;
- (b) the extent to which nutrition education has been institutionalised as part of public health initiatives including the details thereof, in Maharashtra and the UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in coordination with other concerned Ministries to tackle air pollution and ensure access to safe drinking water as a preventive health intervention; and
- (d) whether any cost-benefit assessment has been carried out to compare the expenditure on preventive healthcare with the expenditure on tertiary healthcare and ICU infrastructure, if so, the findings thereof, along with the action taken by the Government thereon, particularly in Maharashtra?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (d): The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States and Union Territories under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD). Under NP-NCD, 770 District NCD Clinics, 233 Cardiac Care Units and 6,410 NCD clinics at Community Health Centres have been set up across the country. In addition, 524 Day Care Cancer Centres (DCCCs) are functional across the country to ensure cancer care accessibility at district level.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs i.e. diabetes, hypertension, oral, breast and cervical cancer was rolled out in the country under National Health Mission (NHM) as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for screening. Till July 2026, 42.4 crore have been screened for hypertension, 42.21 crore for diabetes, 36.11 crore for oral cancer, 16.94 crore for breast cancer and 9.31 crore for cervical cancer as per the National NCD Portal.

Nutrition education has been institutionalised as an integral component of public health initiatives under the National Health Mission (NHM) and POSHAN Abhiyaan across the country, including Maharashtra and the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. A lifecycle approach is adopted to provide nutrition education and counselling through Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs), Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Days (VHSNDs), and community-based platforms. Under POSHAN Abhiyaan, implemented in convergence with the Ministry of Women & Child Development, behaviour change communication is promoted through the Jan Andolan approach, supported by nutrition e-learning modules developed by ICMR–National Institute of Nutrition (NIN). Nutrition education is further strengthened through Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) and the Eat Right India initiative. These interventions are implemented uniformly across all States and Union Territories, including Maharashtra and the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in 2019 to address issues related to air pollution. Ministry of Jal Shakti in partnership with States is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Har Ghar Jal to provide potable water to every rural household of the country through functional tap water connection.

Preventive aspect of NCDs is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Arogya Mandir, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level across the country including Maharashtra. Further initiatives for increasing public awareness about NCDs and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of National & International Health Days and use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. In addition, the Fit India Movement promotes regular physical activity and healthy living, while the Khelo India programme encourages sports and fitness among all age groups. Various Yoga-related activities are also undertaken by the Ministry of AYUSH to promote health and wellness.

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