

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Prevention and Screening of Non-Communicable Diseases

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The Government of India is implementing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), the objective of which includes prevention, awareness generation, screening, treatment and referral inter-alia for up to district level intervention under National Health Mission (NHM). Government of India has also initiated a programme on population level screening of Common Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) such as Diabetes, Hypertension and Common Cancers viz. Oral, Breast and Cevical Cancer.

Under this programme, the frontline health workers such as ASHAs and ANMs, inter alia are being leveraged to carry out screening and generate awareness about the risk factors of NCDs.

Initially, 100 districts across the country are identified for implementation of the programme. Operational guidelines under this scheme has been shared with the States/ UTs with the request to submit their proposals in their state specific Programme Implementation Plans for assistance under NHM.

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), SmtAnupriya Patel stated this in a written reply in the Lok Sabha here today.

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