



Broad Policy to Eliminate Chronic Diseases

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The Government has approved the National Health Policy 2017. The Policy aims for attainment of the highest possible level of health and well-being for all at all ages, through a preventive and promotive health care orientation. The Policy seeks to move away from Sick- care to Wellness, with thrust on prevention and Health promotion.

The Policy, inter alia, seeks to

- (i) reduce premature mortality from cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory diseases by 25% by 2025,
- (ii) achieve global target of 2020 for HIV/AIDS i.e. - 90% of all people living with HIV know their HIV status, - 90% of all people diagnosed with HIV infection receive sustained antiretroviral therapy and 90% of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression,
- (iii) achieve and maintain a cure rate of >85% in new sputum positive patients for TB and to reduce incidence of new cases to reach elimination status by 2025,
- (iv) reduce prevalence of blindness to 0.25/1000 by 2025 and disease burden by one third from current levels and
- (v) achieve and maintain elimination status of Leprosy by 2018, Kala-Azar by 2017 and Lymphatic Filariasis in endemic pockets by 2017.

Further, the NCD Global Monitoring Framework and Action Plan aims to achieve relative reduction in the overall mortality from cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease upto 10% by 2020 and upto 25% by 2025.

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

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