

**Regarding need for early screening and preventive care programmes to address the threat posed by Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in the country- Laid**

**SHRI SUNIL DATTATREY TATKARE (RAIGAD):** Chronic kidney disease (CKD) occurs when the kidneys have become damaged over time. Globally, it is the ninth leading cause of death. CKD also increases the risk of other health problems like heart disease and stroke. Over the past 20 years, Chronic Kidney Disease has become a significant cause of concern for Indians. It has become among the top 10 risk factors in both men and women and also among the top 10 causes contributing to total years of life lost, even more than diabetes. By some estimates, over 13 crore Indians are affected by the condition. Many cases likely go unreported, particularly in tribal areas. This disease is also known to contribute to a range of cardiovascular problems. In Maharashtra, the number of CKD cases over the past three years has been comparable to the number of cases of stroke. This disease is very preventable and manageable. Through proper preventive care and early detection, the burden can be brought down. The Government is implementing early screening and preventive care programs for various diseases. I request that a similar approach be adopted for Chronic Kidney Disease under the Prime Minister's vision for a healthy and viksit Bharat.