

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a study by the World Bank has revealed that fatalities from coronary diseases are likely to increase in India; and
- (b) if so, the remedial steps taken/being taken to launch an awareness programme in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) According to a study conducted by the World Health Organization, World Bank and other institutions, it is projected that the number of deaths due to coronary heart disease is expected to rise in the coming years. This increase is suggested to be linked to changes in lifestyle such as decreased physical activity, change in food habits, increase in fat and sugar consumption, increasing urbanization and low intake of fibre and micronutrients (folic acid, antioxidants). Since the CVD is life style related disease, the Government is spreading health messages to increase public health awareness about heart diseases and healthy living practices.