

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

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STUDY ON GERIATRIC PROBLEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a WHO - sponsored study conducted by Doctors of Maulana Azad Medical College , Delhi , on the geriatric problem has revealed the high incidence of diabetes , hypertension and heart trouble among old people ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the preventive steps taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): The Government of India - WHO Collaborative Programme has carried out a study in 10 sites in India, including Delhi, to identify the health problems of the elderly. The Delhi site study was carried out by Maulana Azad Medical College. The study indicates that for 60 years and above, the average prevalence of diabetes was 19%, heart diseases 30.3% and hypertension 15.6%. Since these diseases are related to life style practices, the government is creating health awareness amongst the people through the media including electronic media.