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

- (a) whether India has emerged as diabetic capital of the world ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether more and more children are suffering from diabetes; and
- (d) if so, the measures taken by the Government to control diabetes, particularly in children?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) the diabetic cases are on the rise in the country. This is because of population ageing, low birth weight, unhealthy diets, obesity and sedentary lifestyle, better availability of diagnostic facilities, environmental degradation etc. It is estimated that 10% of the 32 million diabetes patients in the country are insulin dependent diabetes of the young as reported by the World Health Organisation. However, data on incidence of childhood diabetes mellitus is not available.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have now initiated steps to obtain the in principle approval of the Planning Commission in respect of the National Programme for Control of Diabetes and Cardio Vascular Diseases.