

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

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

- (a) Whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the number of epilepsy patients in various States ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof including its causes ;
- (c) Whether epilepsy is curable; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d): There have been several Surveys regarding epilepsy in the country.A recent meta-analysis, based on Indian Studies pointed out an age standardized prevalence rate of 5.59/1000. Epilepsy is a brain disorder occurring due to excess electric discharge emanating from the neurons of the brain, which is turn due to brain injury, infections of brain, febrile seizures, etc. In a major portion of epilepsy cases, no cause for hyper-excitability of neurons can be ascertained. Epilepsy in most cases can be controlled effectively. The control of epilepsy depends upon correct diagnosis, adequate dosage of anti-epileptic drugs and compliance by patients.