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To
Hon'ble Sh. Narendra Modi Ji
Prime Minister of India
(Subject - Government Of India Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health and Family Welfare Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
No.1225 To Be Answered On 09.02.2024.)

Respected Sir,
I Subash Kumar Bansal, President, I pray you in the behalf of Optical Association
of India, to discussed the issues pertaining to GST on life insurance and health
insurance.

Our Pray to include these items in health insurance (Myopia lenses)

Sr.	Product Name	HSN code	Our Pray and Demand
1.	Spectacle	90049090	Include in Health Insurance policy
2.	Spectacle Frames	90031100	Include in Health Insurance policy
3.	Spectacle Lenses	90015000	Include in Health Insurance policy
4.	Sunglasses	90049020	Include in Health Insurance policy

Government Of India Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department of
Health and Family Welfare Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1225 To Be
Answered On 09.02.2024.

Cases Of Blindness 1225.

Shri Ashok Kumar Rawat (Lok Sabha Elected Member)

Will The Minister of Health And Family welfare Be Pleased To state:

- Whether India is worst affected country in the world in terms of blindness and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- the number of blind people particularly in rural areas of the country State/UT-wise;
- the details of the financial assistance provided to tackle the problem of blindness during the last three years till date, State/UT-wise; and
- the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the increasing problem of blindness in the country?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. S.P.SINGH BAGHEL, STATE MINISTER)

(a) & (b) As per the National Blindness and Visual Impairment survey 2007, the prevalence of blindness in the country was 1% in 2007. As per survey conducted





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in 2015-19, the prevalence of blindness in the country was 0.36% in 2019. The number of blind persons in India is high due to increase in ageing population and semi tropical location of the country, lack of public awareness, and economic constraints etc. The main causes of blindness in India are as under:

- 1) Cataract (66.2%)
- 2) Corneal opacity (7.4%)
- 3) Cataract surgical complications (7.2%)
- 4) Posterior segment disorders excluding DR and ARMD (5.9%)
- 5) Glaucoma (5.5%)
- 6) Others (7.8%)

However, no survey has been conducted separately under National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (NPCBVI) to determine the number of blind people particularly in the rural areas.

(c) The financial assistance provided to tackle the problem of blindness during the last three years and current year, etc.

Myopia - This study aimed to predict myopia prevalence in urban Indian children and to describe the generational effect of myopia in different age groups over the next three decades from the year 2020.

Results -The prevalence of myopia in 5 to 15-year-old urban children increased from 4.44% in 1999 to 21.15% in 2019. Our predictions, based on the slope of 0.8% every year (4.05% for every 5 years) indicate that the prevalence of myopia will increase to 31.89% in 2030, 40.01% in 2040 and 48.14% in 2050. Due to the generational effect (caused by the nature of the condition lasting a lifetime once developed), there will be an overall increase in myopia prevalence across all age groups of 10.53% in the next three decades (2020 to 2050).

Our Prime minister always say come with your problem but with solution also.

Solution - Our pray and demand we want these eyewear items to include under medical insurance and Ayushman Card scheme. So poor people will also wear eyewear spectacle to protecting themselves for Myopia cataract, eye blindness and take claim to health medical insurance.

Your Sincerely

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