GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1934 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd AUGUST, 2024

KIDNEY DISEASE IN CHHATTISGARH

1934 SMT. ROOPKUMARI CHOUDHARY:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Supebeda village of Gariaband district of Chhattisgarh is emerging as a major centre of kidney diseases due to the presence of fluoride in the water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) and (b): As per an article published in the Kidney International Report entitled "CKD of Unknown Origin in Supebeda, Chhattisgarh, India", the cause of kidney diseases in cases found in Supebeda village of Gariaband district of Chhattisgarh is of unknown etiology.

- (c) The preventive measures taken/proposed by the Government are as follows:
 - i. National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation activities for noncommunicable diseases to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).
 - ii. For increasing public awareness about Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) including Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and for promotion of healthy lifestyle, National and International Health Days are observed and print, electronic and social media are also used for the purpose.

- iii. States/UTs celebrate 'World Kidney Day' in the second week of March every year to promote awareness regarding kidney health and adopt a healthy lifestyle.
- iv. Health camps are also organized for screening of CKD in the community and suspected cases are referred for diagnosis and put on treatment.
- v. Moreover, RO plant has also been established by Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Government of Chhattisgarh to provide clean drinking water at Supebeda village.
