

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2237
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ADULT THALASSEMIA PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Government hospitals in Delhi catering to the needs of adult thalassemia patients;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch dedicated wards for the adults thalassemia patients in the country including West Bengal and Delhi keeping in view their growing numbers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the requirements of adult thalassemics in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a): Treatment for adult thalassemia patients is available at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Safdarjang Hospital, Lady Harding Medical College, Dr. RML Hospital, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Lok Nayak Hospital, etc.
- (b): No.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): All blood banks supported under the National AIDS Control Programme are providing blood and blood products free of cost to the thalassemic patients as per their requirement. For all those Thallsemic patients who are HIV positive the programme is providing free counselling, testing and anti retroviral therapy services wherever required.