

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

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PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of people suffering from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Disease in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the names of Government hospitals treating the said disease and the nature of assistance being provided to the patients by the Government; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for providing cheap treatment at lower cost to patients of the said disease?

Answer

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

(a): No such data is maintained by this Ministry.

(b)&(c): Such diseases are diagnosed / treated at various Government Medical Colleges and apex institutions like All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, JIPMER, Pondicherry, etc.

Assistance to the patients includes rehabilitation services, empirical steroid therapy & treatment, physiotherapy/ occupational therapy, counselling, etc.

Treatment in the Government hospitals is either free or at subsidised cost.