

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

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FREE TREATMENT OF HEART DISEASES OF CHILDREN

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide free treatment to the children with heart diseases belonging to lower income group in pursuance of the directions issued by the Delhi High Court in the matter;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the norms laid down for determination of lower income group and advisory issued to the States in the matter; and
- (c) the names of the hospitals in which the said facility is likely to be provided or being provided in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) to (c): The treatment of children with heart diseases is either free or subsidised in the health care delivery system up to the district hospitals and Medical Colleges as well as Central Government Hospitals. The financial assistance is available under the Rashtriya Aryog Nidhi (RAN) and Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana etc. The benefit is available to Below Poverty Line (BPL) Card holders in general. Advisories are issued from time to time for the implementation of RAN.

Moreover, the National Programme for Prevention & Control of Cancer, Diabetes, CVD& Stroke (NPCDCS) is operational in 100 districts across 21 states in the country since 2010-11 to augment the health care facility in the management of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) including heart diseases.