

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA CONTROL PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a National Sickle Cell Anaemia Control Programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which the programme is likely to be launched; and
- (c) the extent of help and assistance being provided by the Government to the States for prevention and control of Sickle Cell Anaemia?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): A Core Working Group of experts, constituted by the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) has formulated guidelines for preparing an Action Plan for the states to implement a program for Prevention and Control of Sickle Cell Anaemia, Thalassemia and Haemophilia.

(c): The Plan of Action on Genetic Blood Disorders including Sickle Cell disease would be considered for formulating 12th Five year Plan for non- communicable diseases and shall be submitted to the Planning Commission.