

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

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ASSISTANCE TO CONTROL SICKLE CELL DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing financial assistance to the State Governments to control the blood related sickle cell disease;
- (b) if so, the details of the financial assistance released to the States by the Government for controlling and eradicating sickle cell disease;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include the sickle cell patients in the list of disability in view of the disability caused by this disease;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to launch National Sickle Cell Anaemia Control Programme in the country?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) No. At present, there is no programme at national level to control the Blood related Sickle Cell Disease.
- (c)&(d) No. At present there is no proposal at national level to include Sickle Cell patients in the list of disability.
- (e) A Plan of Action on Genetic Blood disorders including Sickle Cell Disease has been submitted to Planning Commission for formulating 12th five year plan on Non-Communicable Diseases.