

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

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GENETIC BLOOD DISORDERS

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

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the high prevalence of various genetic blood disorders including Sickle Cell Anaemia, Thalassaemia and Haemophilia, particularly among the children across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated number of such cases reported in the country, separately, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has drawn any action plan for prevention and control of these genetic blood disorders;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds earmarked and allocated for the purpose, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): No data is available regarding the number of persons affected by genetic blood disorders across the country. Indian Council of Medical Research has reported that extensive research has been carried out over the last thirty years and technology has been developed for carrying out prenatal diagnosis for these disorders.
- (c) to (e): The information will be obtained and laid on the Table of the House.