

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

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

- (a) whether cases of sickle-cell anaemia, a blood disorder is on the rise;
- (b) if so, the details of the disease reported during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to provide special facilities for the treatment of the disease?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Since there is no Central Registry, the Central Government do not have information with regard to number of cases of the disease in the country. The following facilities are available for the treatment of disease;

1. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is providing diagnostic kits to make available blood to 2500 blood banks in the country, Blood Transfusion being one of the important management strategy for Haemoglobinopathies as well as severe sickle cell disease.
2. Diagnostic facilities for sickle cell anaemia is available in the district hospital, in the area where it is prevalent.
3. Treatment of sickle cell cases is available down to Primary Health Centres.
4. Prenatal diagnostic facilities have been developed for sickle cell diseases in Indian Council of Medical Research Centre in Mumbai and is available to the patients for last 10 years.