

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 166
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH AUGUST, 2025**

HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPS FOR SKIN CARE

166 SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL) has organised skin health awareness camps at various locations across the country making it largest number of free skin health camps;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to organize more such health camps in rural and far flung areas with connectivity issue to sustain and expand such community health programs to improve dermatological care across the country;
- (d) if so, the details and steps taken thereon; and
- (e) the details of other steps taken to spread awareness among common people regarding dermatological care which is often not taken seriously by people

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) & (b) : Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not maintain the details of the camps organized by Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL).

(c) to (e) : The National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) is a centrally sponsored scheme under the overarching umbrella of National Health Mission (NHM). Funds are allocated to the programme activities under NHM on the basis of State/UT specific Programme Implementation Plans and States/UTs are required to utilize funds as per their need and priority. Following activities are carried out for leprosy related case detection at block and district levels across all States and Union Territories:

- i. **Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC)** : House to house case detection in high-risk and inaccessible zones.
- ii. **Focused Leprosy campaign (FLC)**: FLC are conducted to actively detect Grade 2 Disability (G2D) cases.
- iii. ASHA based Surveillance in low-endemic and remote blocks.
- iv. **Hard to Reach area** -Special outreach plans: Community-led case search in difficult terrains.

Under NLEP, following activities are done to generate awareness in order to reduce stigma and discrimination associated with leprosy:

- a. **IEC Activities**: Regular awareness through radio, TV, newspapers, street plays, and community events in local languages.
- b. **State Level Awareness Campaign (SLAC)** : Annual campaigns around Anti-Leprosy Day to reduce stigma and promote early detection.
- c. **ASHAs and Health Workers**: Trained to identify and refer suspected leprosy skin lesions in the community.
- d. **Health centres** provide education regarding identification of leprosy cases among contacts and the dermatological care needed in persons affected with leprosy.
