

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2673
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2026**

IMPLEMENTATION OF NSCEM IN THE COUNTRY

2673. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) whether Government has achieved the targets under the National Sickle Cell Elimination Mission (NSCEM), particularly in Maharashtra and other high-burden States, if so, the details of screening, diagnosis and treatment during the last three years State-wise;
- (b) the details of support proposed for free screening camps through medical institutions and voluntary organisations and measures to strengthen coordination with district health authorities for timely detection and follow-up of patients; and
- (c) the status of the nationwide digital platform for real-time registration and monitoring of sickle cell patients and if not operational, the reasons therefor and the timeline for its implementation?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): Under National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (NSCAEM), screenings in the targeted age group of 0-40 years are conducted at all health facilities from District Hospitals (DH) upto Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) level in affected 17 tribal states for diagnosis of Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has launched a National Sickle cell portal i.e. <https://sickle.nhm.gov.in> where achievement of screening can be accessed.

As reported by States on SCD portal, as on 04.08.2026, more than 7.27 crore screenings have been conducted in tribal dominated areas of the country including Maharashtra and a total of 2,49,167 individuals have been identified as diseased and 20,47,145 as carriers of SCD. State-wise total number of individuals screened, the number of individuals identified as "Carriers" and "Patients" in Maharashtra and other high-burden States, as on 04.08.2026, is at Annexure.

Hydroxyurea has been included in NHM Essential Drugs List at Sub-Health Centres (SHC), Primary Health Centres (PHC)/ Urban PHC, Community Health Centres (CHC) and DHs to address the issue of access to medicine. This Ministry provides technical and financial support

to the States/UTs including Maharashtra, for conducting screenings and procurement of drugs for sickle cell anaemia, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under NHM.

Patients living with SCD are provided with the following services/ facilities for improving their quality of life through AAM- SHCs and AAM- PHCs:

- Follow-up of diseased individuals at frequent intervals.
- Counseling regarding lifestyle management, pre-marriage and pre-natal decisions.
- Nutritional supplementation support through distribution of folic acid tablets.
- Conducting yoga and wellness sessions.
- Management of crisis symptoms and referral to higher facilities.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Raja Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2673 for reply on 11.08.2026

Annexure

State-wise total number of individuals screened, the number of individuals identified as "Carriers" and "Patients", as on 04.08.2026

S.No.	State Name	Total Screenings conducted	No. of Carrier	No. of Patients
1	Andhra Pradesh	14,97,392	21,806	2,290
2	Assam	12,15,489	1,633	345
3	Bihar	2,41,275	1	15
4	Chhattisgarh	1,78,50,109	3,48,808	28,384
5	Gujarat	83,68,923	5,48,875	30,548
6	Jharkhand	28,05,125	5,091	2,427
7	Karnataka	3,58,164	4,519	582
8	Kerala	1,87,960	5,484	1,506
9	Madhya Pradesh	1,33,69,993	2,45,024	40,741
10	Maharashtra	1,12,10,599	2,26,443	30,017
11	Odisha	67,84,186	6,09,503	1,06,969
12	Rajasthan	37,09,177	8,453	2,955
13	Tamil Nadu	4,77,362	9,818	820
14	Telangana	11,60,730	7,722	630
15	Uttar Pradesh	7,64,873	85	35
16	Uttarakhand	1,53,751	69	6
17	West Bengal	25,54,906	3,811	897
	Total	7,27,10,014	20,47,145	2,49,167
