

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2021
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th DECEMBER, 2017**

NATIONAL POLICY FOR TREATMENT OF DISEASES

2021. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved the national policy for the treatment of rare diseases; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and salient features of the said policy?

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

(a) & (b): Yes. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has formulated a National Policy for treatment of Rare Diseases in India to progressively build India's capacity to respond comprehensively to rare diseases covering areas of: prevention, awareness generation, training of doctors, funding support for treatment on the parameters to be defined by a Central Technical cum Administrative Committee, promotion of research and development for drugs for treatment of rare diseases and diagnostics at affordable prices and measures for making the drugs for rare diseases more affordable, strengthening of laboratory networks, development of Centres of Excellence etc. On the whole, the Policy seeks to strike a balance between the interest of patients of Rare Diseases and health system sustainability. The Policy also recognises and delineates the role of various Ministries and departments in the area of Rare Diseases.