

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 104
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2018**

SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY

104. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA :

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) disease among children;
- (b) if so, the number of such patients in the country at present, State-wise;
- (c) whether any medicine is available for the treatment of such patients in the country and the details thereof;
- (d) if not, whether the Government is taking any effort to ensure availability of this medicine in the country;
- (e) whether the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recently granted approval to some medicines for the treatment of this disease, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the availability of the said medicine in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (f): Spinal Muscular Atrophy is a genetic disorder with autosomal recessive transmission mode and information about number of these cases is not collected under National Health Mission (NHM). There is no specific treatment for this condition. However, various therapies are in clinical trial stage.