

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 118  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

**LEUCODERMA/VITILIGO PATIENTS**

**118. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:  
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Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a considerable rise in the number of patients suffering from vitiligo, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of people suffering from the said disease during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the said skin disorder can be cured, if so, the details thereof along with treatment facilities available in Government Hospitals, PHC and to CGHS beneficiaries along with the other necessary measures taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has approved clinical trials of certain medicines for the treatment of said disease; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such medicines will be available in the market?

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

(a) & (b): There is no centralised data available.

(c): Drugs and ointments can be used to increase pigmentation of the skin temporarily but there is no proven curative approach for Leucoderma. Such treatment facilities are available in Government Hospitals, PHC and to CGHS beneficiaries. Surgical option is also available.

(d): No. However, certain drugs have been approved for treating vitiligo disease such as Methoxsalen USP-20 mg Tablet, Decapeptide lotion (basic fibroblast growth factor) and Melagenina lotion.