

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2812  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

**SICKLE CELL ANEMIA**

**2812. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched National Sickle Cell Anemia Control Programme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the time by which it is likely to be launched; and
- (c) the kinds of help given at present by the Union Government to States for prevention and control of Sickle Cell Anemia?

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

(a) & (b): No such proposal is under consideration at Government of India level.

(c): Public Health and Hospitals is a state subject. Under the National Health Mission, support is being provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare system including sickle cell anaemia, based on the proposals submitted by the State/UT Governments in their Programme Implementation Plans. Guidelines for prevention and control of Hemoglobinopathies (Thalassemia & Sickle cell Disease) have been developed and shared with States/UTs. This includes guidelines for prevention through carrier screening, genetic counseling and prenatal diagnosis and adequate therapy for those affected, helping them to lead better lives.

The guidelines also provide screening of every pregnant woman during Ante Natal Checks, pre-marital Counselling at the college level and one time screening for variant anaemia for all children in class VIII, new born screening as well as prenatal diagnosis, awareness generation etc.

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