

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 971  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

**KIDNEY DISEASES IN UDDANAM REGION OF AP**

**971. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the untimely death of people due to kidney diseases in Uddanam region of Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a team of experts has been sent to Uddanam to find out the reasons and to curb deaths due to kidney diseases and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of financial assistance given to the kidney patients from the Central Government?

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

(a) to (c): As informed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, one death out of 5177 reported cases of Chronic Renal failure occurred in Uddanam region during the last three years.

Team of experts undertook visits to find out the reasons of reported cases of Chronic Kidney Diseases (CKDs) in Uddanam area of Andhra Pradesh. The key recommendations included multidisciplinary long-term research for CKD, maintenance of adequate hydration, avoidance of pain killer medicines, awareness on use of alternative medicines, reduction in harmful environmental exposures, and strengthening of CKD screening and management programme.

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Government of Andhra Pradesh have jointly launched 'Grand Challenge Scheme' for root-causing the etiology of high incidence of Chronic Kidney Disease of unknown aetiology (CKDu) in Uddanam area.

Government of India and Government of Andhra Pradesh have established a dedicated Kidney Disease Research Institute at Srikakulam with the support and partnership of 50% financial support of ICMR.

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Support under the National Health Mission (NHM) is provided to States for provision of dialysis services free of cost to the poor under Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP). Such support is based on the proposals received from States in their annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Under PMNDP, 32 dialysis centers and 367 dialysis machines are supported in Andhra Pradesh, which includes 3 dialysis centers and 33 dialysis machines in Srikakulam and Uddanam region. Funds to the tune of 3068.83 Lakhs have been approved to Government of Andhra Pradesh under PMNDP for the year 2018-19.

As informed by State Government of Andhra Pradesh, the State has sanctioned pension @ Rs. 2,500/- per month to the patients affected with CKD stage-III, IV and V and those who are undergoing dialysis in Government Hospitals.

Financial assistance is provided under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG) Schemes to patients living Below Poverty Line (BPL) who are suffering from major life threatening diseases like cancer, kidney problem, liver problem, etc. to receive medical treatment in Government Hospitals.

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