GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1228 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

NIDAN Kendras and Training Centres

1228. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds sanctioned and released for NIDAN (National Inherited Diseases Administrative) Kendras and Training Centres under the Unique Methods of Management and treatment of Inherited Disorders (UMMID) initiative;
- (b) whether there are any NIDAN Kendras and Training Centers proposed/established in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the number of clinicians trained, year-wise;
- (d) the details of the number of patients provided with comprehensive clinical care (diagnosis, management, multidisciplinary care, counselling, prenatal testing);
- (e) the number of pregnant women and new born babies that have been screened in NIDAN Kendras classified based on the NIDAN Kendras; and
- (f) whether the Government plan to expand the project to more aspirational districts, if so, the details thereof including the timeline for the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(डॉ जितेंद्र सिंह)

- (a) A total of Rs. 36.38 Crore has been sanctioned, and Rs. 20.73 Crore released so far for the National Inherited Disorders Administration (NIDAN) Kendras, Training centres, and Outreach Centres for antenatal and newborn screening at Aspirational Districts, under the Unique Methods for Management of Inherited Disorders (UMMID) initiative.
- (b) In the state of Andhra Pradesh, a proposal for establishment of NIDAN Kendra at Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati, is under consideration.
- (c) Under the UMMID training component, the number of clinicians trained year-wise is 14 in 2020, 13 in 2021, and 16 in 2022.
- (d) and (e) Around 1,93,400 individuals have received genetic screening under the UMMID Initiative. Out of this, the number of pregnant women and newborn babies screened at NIDAN Kendras is around 43,600. Counseling and appropriate medical care is provided by the healthcare system depending upon the screening outcome.
- (f) The UMMID Initiative covers 9 Aspirational Districts at present. The coverage is under expansion to 30 Aspirational Districts.
