

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1761
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022**

NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR CONTROL OF BLINDNESS

1761. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that wide disparities have been noticed in the cataract surgery coverage across the States in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of cataract surgeries performed in the country during last two years, State/UT – wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding higher/exorbitant charges by doctors for intraocular Lenses (IOLS) in cataract surgeries under the National Programme for Control of Blindness; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with necessary steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(Dr.BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) & (b): National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCB&VI) is implemented all over the country uniformly and is monitored at National level in consultation with all the State/UTs. Disparities are not noticed in the Cataract surgeries coverage across the States/UTs in the Country. However, the variation in number of Cataract Surgeries performed in States/UTs depend upon local population, local incidence of Cataract, weather, Human Resources, detection of cases and willingness of affected persons. A statement of Cataract Surgeries performed in the Country during the last two years i.e. 2020-21 & 2021-22 is placed at annexure-A.

(c) & (d): Under National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCB&VI) all intra-ocular surgeries are done free of cost by the Government. NGOs/ hospitals are paid Rs. 2000/- per surgery as per the norms of the Programme. Under the National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCB&VI), no complaint regarding higher/exorbitant charges by doctors for intraocular Lenses in cataract surgeries has been reported.

Annexure-A to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1761 to be answered on 16.12.2022

Cataract Surgeries in last two years		
States	2020-21	2021-22
	Achiev.	Achiev.
Andhra Pradesh	134922	312467
Bihar	206891	232049
Chhatisgarh	41874	85168
Goa	3354	13280
Gujarat	413182	575811
Haryana	118218	150245
Himachal Pradesh	25213	35504
Jammu & Kashmir	13581	20362
Jharkhand	69892	186099
Karnataka	194755	367316
Kerala	101712	175536
Madhya Pradesh	397997	645409
Maharashtra	228991	551219
Orissa	78004	184556
Punjab	131716	213725
Rajasthan	114290	225182
Tamilnadu	204433	570357
Telangana	94772	204120
Uttar Pradesh	669693	873601
Uttarakhand	29192	44332
West Bengal	219874	372936
Arunachal Pradesh	1043	2037
Assam	37738	58390
Manipur	855	1932
Meghalaya	1616	2165
Mizoram	1806	1822
Nagaland	652	1393
Sikkim	146	584
Tripura	5637	8936
Andman & Nicobar	149	78
Chandigarh	0	6279
D&N Haveli	779	1804
Daman & Diu	137	
Delhi	1289	62804
Lakshadweep	188	221
Puducherry	6174	11111
Ladakh	328	332

Grand Total	3551093	6199162
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