

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 422
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 2023**

ASSISTANCE FOR KANTI VELUGU PROGRAMME

***422. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that the State Government of Telangana has undertaken Kanti Velugu programme to take up universal eye screening by covering the entire population of the State and conducting eye screening, vision testing and providing medicines for eye ailments and spectacles free of cost;
- (b) whether the Government is implementing a National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment throughout the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the financial and other assistance that the Ministry proposes to provide to the Kanti Velugu programme in Telangana?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (c) Kanti Velugu Programme (KVP) is a State Government Programme.

Government of India has launched National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (NPCBVI), a centrally sponsored programme in the year 2017. The programme addresses all causes of blindness throughout the country uniformly. Apart from cataract, refractive errors, corneal blindness and childhood blindness, the programme is equally focusing on other eye diseases like glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, ROP, age related macular degeneration etc. associated with life style diseases like diabetes and aging process.

The funds approved in State Programme Implementation Plan (SPIP) under NPCBVI for states are provided by the Ministry. The funds released to the state of Telangana for the last three years under NPCBVI are as under:

(Rs.in Lakhs)

Years	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Fund Released	1347.00	1757.64	1125.70
