GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5344 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023

UMMID

5344. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds sanctioned and released for Nidan Kendras and Training Centres under the Unique Methods of Management and Treatment of Inherited Disorders (UMMID) initiative;

(b) whether any Nidan Kendras and Training Centers are proposed/established in Andhra Pradesh and 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 details of the number of pregnant women and new born babies that have been screened in such Kendras, Nidan Kendras-wise; and

(f) whether the Government's plans to expand the project to more aspirational districts of the country and if so, the details thereof along with 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. 36.42 Crore has been sanctioned, and Rs. 21.69 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, has been approved for sanction.

(c) Under the UMMID training component, the number of clinicians trained year-wise is 14 in 2020, 13 in 2021, 18 in 2022, and 2 in 2023.

(d) and (e) Over 1,97,000 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 44,200. 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, and is under expansion with a target to cover 30 Aspirational Districts. The projects are recommended by the concerned committee and are in process for financial and administrative approvals for sanction.

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