

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1426
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th JULY, 2023**

“ASSITANCE FOR KANTI VELUGU PROGRAMME”

**1426. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA
DR. GRANJITH REDDY**

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

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. S. P. Singh BAGHEL)**

(a) to (d): 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 addressed 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	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Fund Released	1,757.64	1,125.70	1,993.50
