

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2600  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04TH AUGUST, 2023**

**REGIONAL GERIATRIC CENTRES**

**2600. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of Regional Geriatric Centres under National Programme for Healthare of Elderly (NPHCE);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of districts covered by NPHCE in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) & (d) Need and necessity determine expansion of Regional Geriatric Centre (RGC). Under the Tertiary Component of the National Programme for Health Care for the Elderly (NPHCE), 19 Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs) are sanctioned in 18 States / Union Territories (UTs) for providing Geriatric Health Care Services to the Elderly population of our country.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing the NPHCE in all 26 districts of the State. Geriatric clinics have been established in all 12 Districts Hospitals, 51 Area Hospitals and 177 Community Health Centres (CHCs) with dedicated staff to provide services to the elderly population. At Primary Health Centres (PHCs), a geriatric OPD is conducted every Thursday.

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