

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1010
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2020**

VIRAL HEPATITIS

1010. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that viral hepatitis is becoming a major public health problem in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons causing liver inflammation to nearly 1.5 crore people in the country;
- (b) the details of the severely affected areas, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) the manner in which the Government proposes/ plans to eliminate hepatitis by 2030;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up detection/testing centres in States/UTs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): Yes. Government is aware that viral hepatitis is becoming a public health problem in the country. The details and reasons for liver inflammation is not available with the NVHCP.
- (b): There is paucity of nationally representative data on viral hepatitis currently. Therefore the details of severely affected areas, state/UT-wise is not available with NVHCP.
- (c): National Viral Hepatitis Control has been recently launched in July 2018 under the National Health Mission across the country in all states/UTs with the aim to eliminate hepatitis and reduce morbidity and mortality attributed to viral hepatitis. The key strategies adopted under the National Viral Hepatitis Control Program include preventive, promotive and curative interventions with the focus on awareness generation, increasing access, promoting diagnosis and providing treatment for viral hepatitis. The program is providing free drugs and diagnostics for viral hepatitis with focus on hepatitis B and hepatitis C to all (in need).

(d): Yes.

S.No.	State	Reply
1	Andhra Pradesh	<p>Tertiary Care govt. hospital in Guntur, Tirupathi and Visakhapatnam</p> <p>Laboratories of the district hospitals of the following districts are being strengthened for testing of viral hepatitis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tekkal, Srikakulam2. Vizianagaram, Vizianagaram3. Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam4. Rajahmundry, East Godavari5. Eluru, West Godavari6. Machilipatnam, Krishna7. Tenalli, Guntur8. Markapuram, Prakasam9. Atmakur, Nellore10. Madanapalli, Chittoor11. Proddutur, Kadapa12. Hindupur, Anantapuram13. Nandyal, Kurnool
2	Telangana	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Institute of Preventive Medicine, Hyderabad2. Laboratories of the district hospitals of the following districts are being strengthened for testing of viral hepatitis:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hyderabad,2. rangareddy.3. Medak,4. Nizamabad,5. Nalgonda,6. Adilabad,7. Karimnagar,8. warangal,9. mahabubnagar10. khammam.