

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3229
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th AUGUST, 2025**

NATIONAL SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA ELIMINATION MISSION

3229. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR:

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

- (a) the number of tribal districts covered under National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission since its launch in 2023;
- (b) whether districts such as Kaimur and Rohtas known for the high prevalence of sickle cell cases, have received adequate support for diagnostics, treatment and genetic counselling and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether mobile health units are being deployed in remote/tribal areas under the mission and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): To eliminate sickle cell disease, Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission has been launched by Government of India on 1st July, 2023. The objectives of the Mission are provision of affordable, accessible and quality care to all Sickle Cell Diseased patients, reduction in the prevalence of Sickle Cell Disease through awareness creation, targeted screening of 7 crore people till year 2025-26 in the age group of 0-40 years in affected 17 tribal states and counselling through collaborative efforts of central ministries and State governments. As on 28.07.2025, a total of 6,04,50,683 screening has been conducted in total 365 districts.

The primary responsibility of screening and management of Sickle Cell Anaemia along with raising awareness lies with the respective State/UT Governments. As informed by Government of Bihar, districts such as Kaimur and Rohtas are not covered under National Sickle Cell Disease Elimination Mission.

Under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM- JANMAN), 694 Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) are operational in Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) areas of 16 States so far for screening of Sickle Cell Anaemia.
