

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3258
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th AUGUST, 2025**

SICKLE CELL MISSION 2047

†3258. SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:

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

- (a) the number of persons for whom have been screened and the number of patients identified in Dahod district under “Sickle Cell Mission 2047”;
- (b) the types of special facilities provided by the Government in the Civil Hospital and other health centres of the said district for sickle cell patients; and
- (c) whether any special campaign has been launched to raise awareness among the tribal community in the country and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): As informed by Government of Gujarat, as on 30.07.2025, a total of 20,33,471 population have been screened in Dahod district, out of which, 5,656 have been confirmed as diseased.

Under National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (NSCAEM), screenings are conducted at all health facilities from District Hospitals upto Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) level across the country. Patients living with SCD are provided with the following services/ facilities for improving their quality of life through AAMs:

- Follow-up of diseased individuals at frequent intervals.
- Counseling regarding lifestyle management, pre-marriage and pre-natal decisions.
- Nutritional supplementation support through distribution of folic acid tablets.
- Conducting yoga and wellness sessions.
- Management of crisis symptoms and referral to higher facilities.

Hydroxyurea has been included in National Health Mission (NHM) Essential Drugs List at Sub-Health Centres, Primary Health Centres (PHC)/ Urban PHC, Community Health Centres (CHC) and District Hospitals to address the issue of access to medicine. Under NHM, financial support is provided for the procurement of Hydroxyurea, to reduce the

out-of-pocket expenditure borne by sickle cell anaemia patients.

Through Ministry of Tribal Affairs, awareness and counseling material have been developed. IEC and media activities are adopted for propagation of awareness of disease, screening and management. State Govts. have to play an important role in implementation of mission activities.
