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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3325 TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th AUGUST, 2025

AWARENESS ON THALASSAEMIA

3325. DR. AMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to raise awareness about thalassaemia, a serious inherited blood disorder that affects ability of the body to produce normal haemoglobin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c) Thalassemia is one of the inherited disorders of red blood cells that comes under the category of Haemoglobinopathies. The primary responsibility of management of Thalassemia along with raising awareness lies with the respective State/UT Governments. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare system including support for prevention and management of Thalassemia at public healthcare facilities, provision of Blood Bank facilities, Day Care Centre, Medicines, Lab services, IEC activities and training of HR etc. based on the proposals submitted by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans.

This Ministry, in association with Coal India Limited (CIL), is implementing a scheme namely Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana (TBSY) wherein financial assistance up to Rs.10 lakh is provided to eligible patients for Bone Marrow Transplants (BMT) from CIL Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds. This scheme provides for BMT in seventeen empanelled hospitals spread across the country.

Monitoring and follow up is done and the data of thalassemia for screening is entered regularly on the National Portal.
