

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1016
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5th DECEMBER 2025**

NATIONAL FUND FOR RARE DISEASES

**1016. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:**

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

- (a) the budget allocation for the National Fund for Rare Diseases (NFRD) during the last two financial years 2024–25 and 2025–26, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any other dedicated funds or financial mechanisms to support the treatment of rare diseases in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of disorders currently classified as rare diseases in the country;
- (d) whether the Government provides financial assistance to patients suffering from rare diseases under any specific schemes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the current status of the Centres of Excellence (CoEs) established for the diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases along with the number of patients who have received treatment at these Centres?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (e) Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility of providing healthcare services is that of the State Governments. However, to mitigate the challenges posed by rare diseases in India, the Government launched the National Policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD) in 2021. Under NPRD, funds are provided to the 15 designated Centers of Excellence (CoEs) for treatment of 63 identified Rare Diseases. Based on the recommendation of the dedicated Rare Disease Committees of the CoEs, more than 1400 patients have received treatment under NPRD as on date. Rs. 118.82 cr. and Rs. 299.59 cr. have been allocated to NPRD for FY 2024-25 and 2025-2026 respectively.
