

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2308
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th FEBRUARY, 2026**

NATIONAL SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA ELIMINATION MISSION

2308. SHRI ANANTA NAYAK:
SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:
SHRI ALOK SHARMA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:
SHRI RAMESH AWASTHI:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SMT. VIJAYLAKSHMI DEVI:
DR. MANNA LAL RAWAT:
SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:
SMT. SANJNA JATAV:
SMT. MAHIMA KUMARI MEWAR:
SHRI TAPIR GAO:
SMT. SMITA UDAY WAGH:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
SMT. APARAJITA SARANGI:
SHRI GODAM NAGESH:
SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:
DR. BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI MANISH JAISWAL:
SHRI DAMODAR AGRAWAL:
SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SHRI KALI CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
DR. HEMANT VISHNU SAVARA:
SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI:

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

- (a) the total number of individuals screened for Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) under the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination up to December 2025, State/UT-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the number of individuals identified as "Carriers" (Sickle Cell Trait) and "Patients"

- (Sickle Cell Disease) respectively, based on the said screenings, State/UT-wise and district-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has achieved the target of screening seven crore individuals by the end of the year 2025 and if so, the details thereof, along with the number of individuals who have been issued Sickle Cell Genetic Status Cards, State/UT-wise and district-wise;
- (d) the number of fully functional Centres of Excellence (CoE) for the treatment of the said disease in seventeen high prevalence States as of December 2025, State/UT-wise;
- (e) the total financial assistance provided by the Government for the procurement of Point-of-Care (PoC) testing kits in tribal-dominated districts up to December 2025, district-wise; and
- (f) the progress of screening coverage, referral facilities and availability of treatment services, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): Under National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (NSCAEM), screenings in the targeted age group of 0-40 years are conducted at all health facilities from District Hospitals (DH) upto Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM) level in affected 17 tribal states for diagnosis of Sickle Cell Disease (SCD). As per SCD portal, more than 6.83 crore screenings have been conducted in tribal dominated areas of the country, as on 03.02.2026. A total of 2,37,981 individuals have been identified as diseased and 19,32,500 as carriers of SCD, as on 03.02.2026. State-wise total number of individuals screened, the number of individuals identified as "Carriers" and "Patients" and number of Genetic Status Cards distributed, as on 03.02.2026, is at Annexure-I.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has devised the cost norms for establishment of Centres of Excellence (CoE) on SCD funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) in various states. 17 COE in 15 states have been approved by MoTA. State-wise details of CoE are enclosed as Annexure-II.

State Programme Implementation Plan (SPIP) approvals towards screening for Blood Disorders under National Health Mission (NHM) from F.Y. 2022-23 to F.Y. 2025-26 in the country is as follows:

(Rs. in Lakhs)	
Financial Year	All India
2022-23	28,991.84
2023-24	44,855.32
2024-25	44,754.53
2025-26	53,904.10

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 NHM Essential Drugs List at Sub-Health Centres, Primary Health Centres (PHC)/ Urban PHC, Community Health Centres (CHC) and DHs to address the issue of access to medicine. This Ministry provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs for conducting screenings and procurement of drugs for sickle cell anaemia, based on the proposals received in the form of PIPs under NHM.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2308 for reply on 13.02.2026

Annexure-I

State-wise total number of individuals screened, the number of individuals identified as "Carriers" and "Patients" and number of Genetic Status Cards distributed, as on 03.02.2026

S.No.	State Name	Total Screenings conducted	No. of Carrier	No. of Diseased	No. of Genetic Status Cards Distributed
1	Chhattisgarh	1,70,30,846	3,38,774	27,600	1,02,90,081
2	Madhya Pradesh	1,29,92,449	2,37,473	37,885	1,13,61,858
3	Maharashtra	93,79,701	2,06,967	27,719	21,46,504
4	Gujarat	80,05,852	5,41,088	30,883	79,15,506
5	Odisha	60,83,323	5,43,015	1,01,865	30,05,123
6	Rajasthan	37,06,689	8,453	2,885	17,11,440
7	Jharkhand	27,83,758	3,888	2,314	2,943
8	West Bengal	24,81,557	3,697	890	381
9	Andhra Pradesh	14,79,777	21,679	2,272	4,78,186
10	Assam	11,72,328	1,522	330	1,34,982
11	Telangana	11,27,762	7,445	568	4,44,393
12	Uttar Pradesh	7,64,879	86	38	4,41,639
13	Tamil Nadu	4,40,276	8,685	656	3,98,385
14	Karnataka	3,55,449	4,543	578	4,241
15	Bihar	2,40,331	1	9	63
16	Uttarakhand	1,53,668	69	6	1,51,507
17	Kerala	1,77,314	5,115	1,483	20,234
	Total	6,83,75,959	19,32,500	2,37,981	3,85,07,466

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Annexure-II

State-wise details of Centres of Excellence (CoE) established

S.N o.	State	Institution Name
1	Telangana	Nizams Institute of Medical Science
2	Uttarakhand	AIIMS Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
3	Kerala	Kozhikode Medical College, Kerala
4	Andhra Pradesh	King George Hospital, Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
5	Jharkhand	AIIMS Deoghar
6	Maharashtra	AIIMS Nagpur
7	Chhattisgarh	AIIMS Raipur
8	Karnataka	Mysore Medical College & Research Institute, Karnataka
9	Madhya Pradesh	MGM Medical College, Indore
10	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal Memorial Hospital and Research Centre (BMHRC)
11	Assam	Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, Assam
12	Gujarat	New Civil Hospital and Medical College, Surat
13	Odisha	SCB Medical College Hospital, Cuttack, Odisha
14	Rajasthan	RNT Medical College, Rajasthan
15	Tamil Nadu	Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children – Madras Medical College, Tamil Nadu
16.	Andhra Pradesh	AIIMS Mangalagiri
17	West Bengal	N.R.S. Medical College
