

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *92
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH JULY, 2026**

PROMOTION OF FREE MEDICAL CAMPS

†*92. SHRI BUNTY VIVEK SAHU:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote free medical camps organized by the Homoeopathy Welfare Association aimed at the complete eradication of serious disease sickle cell anemia from affected areas like Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is issuing any special directions to the local administration and Chief Medical Officers to extend full cooperation in such camps and to ensure better tracking of sickle cell anemia patients, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any special online app or digital platform is being used by the Government to facilitate regular monitoring and follow-up of the patients, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

- (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b): 'Public Health' & 'Hospitals' are State subjects. This Ministry provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs including Madhya Pradesh, for conducting screenings and procurement of drugs for sickle cell anaemia, based on the proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) under National Health Mission (NHM).

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 including Madhya Pradesh for diagnosis of Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).

Under NHM, Ayushman Arogya Shivirs (free health camps) are organized monthly at AAM- Sub Health Centres (SHCs) & AAM-Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in rural & urban areas and Community Health Centres (CHCs), where specialist services at PHCs & CHCs and Medical Officers at SHCs are available. During the shivirs, screenings of various diseases including SCD (in sickle cell-affected areas) are conducted.

(c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a National Sickle cell portal i.e. <https://sickle.nhm.gov.in> where achievement of screening can be accessed.

As reported by the States on the portal, more than 7.24 crore screenings have been conducted in tribal dominated areas of the country including 1.33 crore in the State of Madhya Pradesh and 7.98 lakh in Chhindwara district.
