

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4610
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th MARCH 2025**

NATIONAL FUND FOR RARE DISEASES

4610. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

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

- (a) the details of fund allocations for the National Fund for Rare Diseases (NFRD) for the financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26;
- (b) the total number of disorders currently classified as rare diseases in the country;
- (c) whether the Government provides financial support through any specific schemes for patients suffering from rare diseases and if so, the details of such schemes; and
- (d) the status of the eleven Centres of Excellence (CoEs) established for the treatment and diagnosis of rare diseases along with the number of patients receiving treatment at these centres?

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

(a) to (d) 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, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has framed National Policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD), 2021. The policy covers 63 disorders which are categorized as Rare Diseases. Financial assistance up to Rs. 50 lakhs per patient is provided for treatment of Rare Diseases through 13 Centers of Excellence (CoEs) identified under NPRD, 2021. The fund allocation is made under NPRD and there is no National Fund for Rare Diseases (NFRD) as such. The details of NPRD and other related circulars are available at Ministry's website viz. <https://mohfw.gov.in>. As on date, around 1000 patients are registered in the CoEs for identified Rare Diseases. Rs. 118.82 crores and Rs. 299.59 crores have been allocated for Rare Diseases for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 respectively.
