

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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THALASSEMIA PATIENTS IN COUNTRY  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Thalassaemia patients in the country, State- wise and the reasons therefor; and  
(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to eradicate this disease?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The detail of the estimated number of the thalassaemia patients detected during the last three years received from various States is annexed.

(b) Prevention of the disease is possible by genetic counseling and prenatal diagnosis, facilities for which are available at very limited centers in the country as the procedure is expensive and sophisticated. The curative treatment for thalassaemia major is bone marrow transplantation.

**ANNEXURE**

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF THE THALASSAEMIA PATIENTS DETECTED DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS IN VARIOUS STATES**

S.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Details of cases reported
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil
2.	NCT of Delhi	3088
3.	Goa	11
4.	Gujarat	7531
5.	Haryana	Nil
6.	Himachal Pradesh	49
7	Manipur	21
8.	Mizoram	Nil
9.	Meghalaya	Nil
10	Punjab	Nil
11	Sikkim	Nil
12	Tripura	377
13	Uttar Pradesh	Nil
14	Chandigarh	14995
15	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Nil
16	Daman and Diu	Nil
17	Lakshadweep	1
18	Madhya Pradesh	609
19	Uttaranchal	27
20	Andhra Pradesh	Nil
21	Nagaland	Nil
22	West Bengal	1425
23	Pondicherry	Nil
24	Tamilnadu	100

The States/UTs namely Assam, Bihar, Chattishgarh, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Andman & Nicobar, Orissa & Rajasthan have not responded.