

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Beneficiaries under UMMID initiative

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Will the Minister of *Science and Technology* be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries under the Unique Methods of Management and Treatment of Inherited Disorders (UMMID) initiative;
- (b) whether steps are being taken to expand UMMID initiative to cover more districts/regions in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government plans to establish more Nidan Kendras in the country; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to create awareness regarding genetic disorders in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND EARTH SCIENCES
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- (a) The UMMID Initiative has provided screening and counseling to over 1,90,000 beneficiaries.
- (b), (c) & (d) Under the UMMID Initiative, steps are being taken to increase the number of NIDAN Kendras to 30, and extend Outreach activities of antenatal and newborn screening to 33 Aspirational Districts.
- (e) Under various activities of the Government of India, awareness campaigns on rare disorders, especially major hemoglobin disorders, are being carried out for healthcare workers and general public using multiple forms of media. Mass awareness programmes regarding prevention, screening, and management of inherited disorders have been routinely held at various levels including workshops, lectures at high schools, nursing colleges, and primary health centres. Efforts are being made to spread knowledge through print media like hoardings, wall paintings, bus branding, leaflets, banners, calendars and posters. Folk shows, and street plays are also being used for creating awareness.
