

## Experts seeks government's order for making HbA2 test mandatory for thalassemia-free India

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TSCS - Hyderabad has written to the PMO office for support towards the society by making antenatal test a must for every pregnant woman

Thalassemia & Sickle Cell Society (TSCS – Hyderabad), the biggest society in the world - serving for Thalassemia Patients, has submitted a compelling letter to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) & Ministry of Health – Government of India, requesting to pass a Bill in Parliament or Government Order for the mandatory implementation of the HbA2 test in all hospitals nationwide for pregnant women.

TSCS Hyderabad aims to collaborate with the government to eradicate Thalassemia and ensure a healthier future for the nation.

In their letter to the PMO, TSCS stressed the importance of the HbA2 test, which is a reliable method for identifying carriers of thalassemia and distinguishing between different types of thalassemia. By making this test mandatory for pregnant women, the society believes that early detection of thalassemia carriers can lead to informed decisions and appropriate measures to prevent the birth of children with severe thalassemia.

The society's letter to the PMO emphasises the urgent need for concerted efforts, and the allocation of resources to tackle thalassemia effectively. The Public-Private (NGO) Partnership (PPP) will help the society to move ahead in creating awareness and reducing the births of Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anemia Children.