

Title: Regarding Healthcare Facilities and Supportive Care for children diagnosed with cancer-Laid.

SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN (ARAKKONAM): Approximately, 50,000 children are diagnosed with cancer every year in India, and less than 30% are cured in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) like India. It is predicted that over 9 million deaths will take place in LMICs, and in the next 30 years, around 13.7 million children worldwide will be diagnosed with cancer and a staggering 11.1 million children would succumb to it if adequate attention to health care services and cancer treatment is not paid.

Childhood cancer accounts for around 2-4 per cent of overall cancer in Indian population, and an estimated 15 to 45 per cent of children are cured of cancer in India as compared to more than 80 per cent in high-income countries.

Government should invest and strategically collaborate to ensure that children have access to timely diagnosis, holistic and supportive care including nutrition through their treatment, and support families to complete their child's treatment.