

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5558
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2000
BREAST CANCER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether breast cancer is on the increase globally and nationally;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the assistance provided to States for prevention of Breast Cancer during the last three years and till date, State-wise;
- (d) whether any NGO for women has been involved in this work;
- (e) if so, the name of such NGOs, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Government have seen Fact sheets brought out by Women Environment and Development Organisation, New York in September, 1997; and
- (g) if so, the steps taken by the Government to bring awareness among women about the programmes being run in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (g) The ICMR has reported that breast cancer is the commonest cancer among women in the world. In India the breast cancer is the second commonest cancer among women, the most common cancer is that of cervix. No reliable nation wide data on occurrence of Breast Cancer is available. However, time bound analysis of data in the Population based Cancer Registries under ICMR at Mumbai, Bangalore and Madras have indicated a slight increase in incidence rate of breast cancer. The reason for this increase is not known. Under the National Cancer Control Programme grant- in-aid is provided for purchase of Memmography equipment and assistance is also provided to voluntary organisations for creation of awareness and early detection of cancer including breast cancer. A statement showing assistance provided is annexed. The fact sheet brought out by Women's Environment and Development Organisation is not available.

List of Institutions provided financial assistance for purchase of Memmography Equipment under the National Cancer Control Programme.

Name of Institution	Amount
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1998-99

1. Cancer Relief Society, Cochin for installation of the machine at Govt. General Hospital, Emakutam, Kerala.	Rs. 20.00 lakhs
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1999-2000

1. Government Medical College, Patiala, Punjab	Rs. 30.00 lakhs
2 Cancer Hospital, Agartala, Tripura	Rs. 30.00 lakhs

LIST OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH EDUCATION & DETECTION ACTIVITIES UNDER NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAMME.

1997-98 Amount in Lakhs

1. Cancer Society of Madhya Pradesh	2.00
2 Cachar Cancer Hosp. Silchar, Assam	2.00
3 Bharat Charitable Cancer Hosp, Mysore	2.00

1998-99

1 GVN Cancer Prevention Centre, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu	3.50
2 National Instt. of Modern Medicine, Tamluk, West Bengal	3.50

1999-2000

1 SURPASS Health Education and Detection Activitien, Hyderabad	3.50
2 Cachar Cancer Hospital Society, Silchar	3.00
3 Malankara Orthodox Syriac Church Medical Mission Hosp. Kolancherry, Kerala	3.50
4 Sarvajnan Kalyan Samiti, Allahabad	3.50
5. Liberal Association for Movement of People, Calcutta	3.50