

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RISE IN CANCER CASES

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of cancer patients is on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of cancer cases reported during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether any scientific study has been conducted to know the reasons for the rise of cancer cases ;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps the Government proposes to take to combat the disease?

Answer

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

(a) & b): As per the information collected by the Population Based Cancer Registries functioning under the National Cancer Registry Programme of Indian Council of Medical Research, it has been estimated that about 7-9 lakh new cancer cases are detected every year and at any given point of time there are 2-2.5 million cancer patients in the country. The state-wise data on number of cancer cases is not maintained centrally.

(c) & d): No, Sir. However, Indian Council of Medical Research is collecting data for various types of cancer through its registries. The statistical significance and possible reasons for changes in incidence rates of different cancer sites, in different registries is assessed by the National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR.

(e): Health being a State Subject, it is for various State Governments to ensure that adequate facilities for early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer are made available. Under the different schemes of National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), the Central Govt. provides grant-in-aid for early detection of Cancer through screening, promoting health education, creating awareness etc. under District Cancer Control Programme. The Central Govt. is also supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance for setting up of Radiotherapy Units in Govt. Medical Colleges/Hospitals for providing treatment facilities. In addition, the comprehensive cancer detection and management facilities including testing facilities in respective region/States are provided by 25 Regional Cancer Centre established under NCCP.