

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO POOR CANCER AND KIDNEY PATIENTS

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to give financial assistance to the poor patients suffering from Cancer and Kidney diseases; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)&(b): Health is a State subject and the Central Govt. is supplementing the efforts of the State Government.

Financial assistance is provided to the patients who are living below the poverty line and is suffering from major life threatening diseases including Cancer and Nephrology under the 'Health Minister's Discretionary Grants (HMDG)', Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN)' and the newly constituted ' Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund'.