

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

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

- (a) the number of cancer patients living Below Poverty Line (BPL) identified so far for the provision of financial assistance for treatment under the `Health Minister`s Cancer Patient Fund` (CPF), State/UT-wise;
- (b) the amount of fund released/utilized for the treatment of these BPL cancer patients;
- (c) whether the Government has set up any monitoring mechanism for the management of the fund; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a): The Health Minister`s Cancer Patient Fund has been started in the current financial year. 27 Regional Cancer Centers have been identified to provide financial assistance to cancer patients living below poverty line, taking treatment at these centers. The details of these cancer patients are available with the Regional Centers.
- (b): Rs.250 lakhs has been released so far to the Regional Centers, for treatment of these BPL patients.
- (c)&(d): The fund has been established as a separate corpus fund with Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN). The fund is managed through the Managing and Technical Committees of the RAN. The details of these Committees are given in the annexure.