

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for the setting up of an Oncology wing at T.D. Medical College, Allepey under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether proposal has also been received to re-open Vector Control Research Institute, Cherthala, Allepey;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the arrangements made by the Government to ensure availability of medicines in the wake of increasing cases of vector borne diseases in Kerala?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): A proposal was received from the State Government of Kerala for sanctioning of Rs. 7.88 crores for "Development of Oncology Wing" in T.D. Medical College, Alappuzha, Kerala under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP). An amount of Rs. 12.00 lakhs has already been released during the year 1987-88 to T.D. Medical College, Alappuzha, Kerala.
- (c) & (d): No proposal has been received by Indian Council of Medical Research or its Vector Control Research Centre, Pudicherry and Department of Health Research of this Ministry, for opening a Vector Control Research Institute at Cherthala, Allepey, Kerala.
- (e): Government of India through its National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) has developed a strategy for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases, which advocates for integrated vector control, early case detection and complete treatment and behaviour change communication. Government of India provides technical support and also supplements the States by providing funds and commodities as per their annual requirements approved under National Rural Health Mission. During the current financial year, grant-in-aid (cash & kind) amounting to Rs. 172.63 lakh has been released to the State Government of Kerala for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases.