

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

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CASES OF LUNG CANCER

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

- (a) whether lung cancer is the deadliest of all cancers in the country and a large number of cancer deaths are taking place on account of this;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such deaths during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether 85 per cent of such cases in the country are diagnosed in stage 3 or 4 when surgical case is no longer an option;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

- (a) & (b): Based on the mortality data collected from Population Based Cancer Registries of Chennai and Mumbai functioning under National Cancer Registry Programme of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), among all anatomical sites, deaths due to lung cancer account for about 13% of all cancers in males and 5.5% of all cancers in females. Year wise/State-wise data on mortality due to lung cancer is not centrally maintained.
- (c) & (d): Based on the data collected from Hospital Based Cancer Registries of Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram and Dibrugarh functioning under National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR, 85% of lung cancers are diagnosed in stage III or IV.
- (e): The Government implements schemes under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) including the District Cancer Control Programme which lays special emphasis on early detection of cancer, promoting health education, creating awareness etc. The grant-in-aid is released to the Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals for upgrading the infrastructure for providing cost effective cancer treatment to the poor and needy patients. In addition 27 Regional Cancer Centres have been recognized in various States/UTs for providing comprehensive cancer treatment to the patients.