GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether there is significant increase in the incidence of breast cancer in the country including Delhi and Malwa regions of Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated number of deaths reported due to breast cancer in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government to check the high prevalence of breast cancer in the country?

Answer

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

- (a): There is a statistically significant increase in the incidence of breast cancer in all urban Population Based Cancer Registries at Bengaluru, Bhopal, Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai for the 24 year period 1982-2005. However, no data specific to Malwa region of Punjab is centrally maintained.
- (c): The estimated number of deaths reported due to breast cancer in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise, is annexed.
- (d): The Government has recently launched a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS). For 2010-11 and 2011-12, a provision of Rs. 1230.90 crore has been made for NPCDCS out of which Rs. 731.52 crore is for Cancer component. The new programme envisages implementation in 100 districts of 21 States.

In addition, the Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by focusing on early detection of Cancer through screening, promoting health education, creating awareness. Awareness campaign is also carried out through print and electronic media.