

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CANCER CASES

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

- (a) whether high incidences of cancer have been reported in certain parts of country, particularly Malwa, South Western Punjab and Bikaner in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has appointed any committee to find out the reasons for the high incidences of cancer, even among the youth in these areas;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the findings thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken or proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a) & (b): As per Indian Council of Medical Research Report, "Time Trends in Cancer incidence Rates 1982-2005, National Cancer Registry Programme (ICMR) April, 2009" there has been a steady and consistent increase in the age adjusted incidence rates of certain cancers across all major urban registries. However, no data specific to these regions is available.
- (c) & (d): On the directions of this Ministry, ICMR constituted a team of experts to assess the prevalence of cancer in Punjab especially in Malwa region. The limited data available before the team suggested a higher occurrence of cancer in Malwa region as compared to some other areas of Punjab.
- (e) 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 across 21 States.