

**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 the incidence of breast cancer has increased alarmingly and a large number of deaths take place due to this disease across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Cancer and Research Institute, Ahmedabad have prepared any report in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken or proposed by the Government to contain the disease and set up modern and affordable medical facilities in the hospitals for such patients?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b) According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) there is a significant increase in the incidence of breast cancer in various urban Population Based Cancer Registries at Bengaluru, Bhopal, Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai for the 24 year period 1982-2005. The estimated number of deaths due to breast cancer in the country during last three years, State/UT-wise is annexed.

(c) & (d) National Cancer Registry Programme of Indian Council of Medical Research is periodically publishing various reports related to cancer incidence and mortality. The relevant recent reports are "Time Trends in Cancer Incidence Rates (1982-2005)" and "Three Year Report of Population Based Cancer Registries 2006-08." Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute, Ahmedabad has not prepared any report in this regard.

(e) The Government has recently launched a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS). The new programme envisages implementation in 100 districts of 21 States.

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

This Ministry has recognized 27 Regional Cancer Centres under the National Cancer Control Programme in various States/UTs for carrying out research activity and providing cost effective treatment to the poor and needy cancer patients.