

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

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REGIONAL CANCER CENTRES

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

- (a) the number of Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more RCCs in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (d) whether there is lack of modern facilities for the detection and treatment of cancer in these RCCs;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to upgrade and modernise these RCCs and also equip them with newly developed blood test facility which can detect cancer; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) This Ministry has recognized 27 Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) under the erstwhile National Cancer Control Programme, a list of which is annexed.

With the introduction of new scheme namely "National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke" the concept of recognition of RCC has been discontinued. A new concept namely "Tertiary Cancer Centre" (TCC) has been incorporated in the new scheme.

(d) to (f): The RCCs are equipped with the modern facilities and are providing cost effective and comprehensive cancer care facilities. Under the recently reformulated National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke, 65 Government Medical Colleges including erstwhile Regional Cancer Centres would be extended financial assistance of Rs. 6.00 crore (Rs. 4.80 crore from Central Government and Rs. 1.20 crore from State Government) for strengthening cancer care facilities. The new scheme also envisages up-gradation of cancer detection and treatment facilities as required by the Institution with the recommendation of the State Government.