

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

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CANCER PATIENT FUND

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up Cancer Patient Fund (CPF) recently to provide financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) cancer patients for their treatment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of BPL cancer patients identified for the purpose, State-wise;
- (d) the amount of fund released/utilized so far for treatment of BPL patients; and
- (e) the manner in which this fund would be utilized and monitored?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (e): Yes. The Government has recently set up the "Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (CPF) to provide financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) cancer patients. The Cancer Patient Fund has been established as a separate corpus within the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) with a total outlay of Rs. 100 crore to be utilized specifically for treatment of BPL cancer patients in the country.

This fund would be managed and monitored through the management and technical committee of the RAN.