

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CANCER PATIENTS

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

- (a) whether there is a constant rise in the number of cancer patients above national average in certain regions including Malwa of Punjab in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the action plan drawn by the Government to arrest the rising menace of cancer in the country, particularly the regions where prevalence rate is very high;
- (d) the funds allocated for cancer control during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to support and develop customized treatment for cancer patients in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the benefits likely to be accrued therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b): As per "Time Trends in Cancer incidence Rates 1982-2005 Report, National Cancer Registry Programme of 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.

On the directions of this Ministry, ICMR constituted a team of experts in the year 2010 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. However, the prevalence of cancer in Punjab was not higher than other areas of India.

(c) & (d) The Government has recently launched a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) for the remaining period of the 11th Five Year Plan. The new programme envisages implementation in 100 districts across 21 States. Budget Allocation for the cancer control for the last three years including the current year is as under:-

Year Allocation (in crore)

2008-09	Rs. 120.00
2009-10	Rs. 95.00
2010-11	Rs. 180.00
2011-12	Rs. 200.00

(e) & (f) Under NPCDCS, the district hospitals would be strengthened to provide diagnostic services, basic surgery, chemotherapy and palliative care. The chemotherapy drugs required for cancer patients would be provided at the district hospitals. The support would be provided for common chemotherapy drugs to treat about 100 cases from the BPL category. In addition, currently treatment of cancer is being provided through 27 Regional Cancer Centre under the programme.