

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CANCER CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

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

- (a) whether the existing cancer centres and institutes are equipped with the modern equipments and drugs in tackling the rising number of cases of cancer in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/proposed to meet their shortage, if any;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments seeking financial assistance for the purchase of modern equipments and drugs for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients and also upgradation of existing cancer centres in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year alongwith the action taken/proposed on each of these proposals, State/UT-wise;
- (e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to open cancer centres and institutes across the country alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose, State/UTwise; and
- (f) the number of Community Health Centres (CHCs) identified so far for the upgradation as non-communicable diseases centres alongwith the facilities likely to be provided therein?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) This Ministry has recognized 27 Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) under the erstwhile National Cancer Control Programme. The RCCs are well equipped with the modern facilities and are providing cost effective and comprehensive cancer care facilities.

With the introduction of new scheme namely "National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke" for 2010-11 and 2011-12, the concept of recognition of RCC has been discontinued. A new concept namely "Tertiary Cancer Centre" (TCC) has been incorporated in the new scheme.

Under this new scheme, 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 upgradation and strengthening of cancer care facilities. A number of proposals seeking financial assistance under TCC component of NPCDCS have been received. However, most of the proposals received were incomplete and the concerned Institutes/ hospitals have already been asked to rectify the deficiencies.

Budget Allocation (Plan) for cancer control during the year 2010-11 and 2011-12 is Rs. 180.00 crore and Rs. 200.00 crore respectively.

(f) The NPCDCS envisages implementation of the programme components in 700 Community Health Centres (CHCs) in the country. The packages of services/ facilities likely to be made available at CHCs are: prevention and health promotion including counselling; early diagnosis through clinical and laboratory investigations; management of common CVD, diabetes and stroke case (out-patients and in-patient); home based care for bed ridden chronic cases and referral of difficult cases to district hospital/ higher health care facility.