

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITY FOR CANCER PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of cases of cancer patients are rising in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the assistance provided by the Union Government to eradicate the disease;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to upgrade medical infrastructure to check the rise of cancer patients in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the estimated funds likely to be invested for the purpose; and
- (g) the additional facilities likely to be created for cancer patients under the project, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), based on Population Cancer Registries, the number of new cancer cases occurring every year in India is estimated to be about 9 lakhs. The exact number of Cancer cases in the country is not centrally maintained. However, the number of non-communicable diseases including cancer cases is rising mainly due to increase in the population, unhealthy lifestyle and tobacco use.

(c) to (e): This Ministry is implementing various schemes under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) and releasing the grant-in-aid to the Medical Colleges/State Govt. for creating awareness and upgrading the Medical infrastructure for providing cost effective treatment to the poor and needy patients. In addition 27 Regional Cancer Centres have been recognized in various States/UTs for carrying out research activity and providing treatment to the cancer patients. A list of RCCs is Annexed.

(f) & (g): An amount of Rs. 2400.00 crore has been allocated for National Cancer Control Programme for the 11th five year plan. Efforts are on to reduce the geographical gap in the availability of cancer treatment facilities in the country.