

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

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ANTI CANCER DRUGS VACCINES AND THERAPY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per a study, radiation therapy or radio-therapy reduces breast cancer mortality;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken/proposed to make it accessible in the country;
- (c) the present status of availability and development of anti-cancer drugs and vaccines in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has taken note of development of a wonder drug by Scientists in London which has the potential to kill cancer; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

- (a) In a recent publication in Lancet based on meta analysis, it has been concluded that the radiation therapy and radiotherapy reduces breast cancer mortality.
- (b) Under the Tertiary Cancer Centre (TCC) scheme of National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS), financial assistance is available to Government Medical College Hospitals including erstwhile Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) for procurement of equipment and construction of infrastructure related to cancer care including radiotherapy equipments.
- (c) : The Drug Controller General (India) has approved two Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccines for prevention of cervical cancer. These vaccines as well as anti-cancer drugs are available in the market.
- (d) Government is not aware of development of such a clinically proven and scientific evidence based wonder drug by Scientist in London.
- (e) Does not arise.