

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

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BREAST CANCER MORTALITY RATE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey in the Department of Radio Therapy in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and other key hospitals to reduce breast cancer mortality rate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken/proposed by the Government to reduce breast cancer mortality rate?

Answer

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

(a): No.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) : The Government of India has launched a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) last year. This programme envisages early detection of all cancers including breast cancer. The new programme envisages implementation in 100 districts across 21 States during 2010-12. Under NPCDCS, the district hospitals are strengthened for diagnostic services, basic cancer surgery and chemotherapy facilities. Financial assistance is available for chemotherapy drugs required for cancer patients to treat 100 patients per district @ Rs. 1.00 lakh per patient. The revised programme also envisages to strengthen Government Medical Colleges hospitals including erstwhile Regional Cancer Centres across the country as Tertiary Cancer Centre (TCC) for providing comprehensive cancer care services. These TCCs are eligible for financial assistance upto Rs. 6.00 crore (Rs. 4.80 crore from Central Government and Rs. 1.20 crore from State Government).