

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BREAST CANCER

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

- (a) whether a number of women die on account of breast cancer in various parts of the country every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether most of the hospitals/ Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are not equipped to detect breast cancer at its primary stage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard indicating the funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to launch awareness programme about breast cancer, particularly in rural areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): Exact data regarding cancer deaths is not centrally maintained. However, as per National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR, the estimated number of deaths due to breast cancer in different States/UTs for 2011 is annexed.

Majority of the cancer patients in the country are diagnosed at late stage. The main reason is ignorance and lack of awareness about cancer and its symptoms in the general population. This leads to delay in seeking medical advice.

(c) to (e): The Government of India had launched a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) in 2010. The programme envisages implementation in 100 districts across 21 States during 2010-12. Under Cancer component of NPCDCS, the district hospitals are strengthened for early diagnosis of Cancer and chemotherapy facilities. Early cancer detection would be done at districts level through opportunistic screening mainly for Oral, Breast, and Cervical Cancer. The support would be provided for common chemotherapy drugs to treat about 100 cases. 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): Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by focusing on early detection of Cancer, health education, creating awareness. Awareness campaign is also carried out through print and electronic media. A manual for Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) has been made in which awareness about breast cancer is available.