GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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CANCER TREATMENT IN DISTRICT HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidence of cancer cases is more than national average in certain States including Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up cancer treatment centres in the district hospitals across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the facilities likely to be provided therein, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether any proposals have been received from the State Governments in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Exact data regarding incidence of cancer is not centrally maintained. However, as per Indian Council of Medical Research, the estimated number of cancer patients, State-wise, for the last three years are annexed.
- (c) to (f): The Government of India has launched a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) in the year 2010. The revised programme envisages strengthening of Government Medical Colleges hospitals and 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).

Under TCC Scheme, funds to the tune of Rs. 4.80 crore (each) as Govt. of India's share for non-recurring grant-in-aid have been released so far in respect of five complete proposals which were recommended by the concerned State Government as well as by the Standing Committee on Radiotherapy, Govt. of India.

There is no proposal to set up Cancer treatment centres in District hospitals in the 11th Five Year Plan. However, revised programme envisages strengthening of district hospitals for diagnostic services, basic cancer surgery and chemotherapy facilities.