

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CANCER CENTRES INSTITUTES

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

(a) whether the Government has extended/proposed financial assistance to a number of cancer centres including Lions Cancer Detection and Treatment Centre in Surat;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the scheme under which such assistance is being provided to cancer centres/institutes, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received a number of representations from various cancer hospitals including Cachar Cancer Hospital and Research Centre in Silchar for financial assistance for infrastructure development;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to extend financial assistance to such cancer centres/ institutes in the country?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): Health is a State subject and the Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance to Government Medical College Hospitals and erstwhile Regional Cancer Centres.

The Government of India had launched a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) in 2010 and the programme envisages implementation in 100 districts across 21 States during 2010-2012 of the 11th Five Year Plan. Under Cancer component of NPCDCS, the district hospitals are strengthened for early diagnosis of Cancer, chemotherapy facilities and palliative care to cancer patients.

The existing programme also envisages strengthening Government Medical College Hospitals and erstwhile Regional Cancer Centres across the country as Tertiary Cancer Centre (TCC) for providing comprehensive Cancer care services. These institutions 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 has been released to Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla (Himachal Pradesh), Guru Gobind Singh Medical College & Hospital, Faridkot (Punjab), MNJ Institute of Oncology, Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery (Kerala) and Mizoram State Cancer Institute, Aizwal (Mizoram) in the current financial year (i.e. 2011-2012).