

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

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CANCER CENTRES/HOSPITALS

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

- (a) the number of Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) and cancer hospitals in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more number of cancer hospitals, centres and institutes across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken note of lack of modern equipment and absence of full fledged department or units of palliative care in most of the Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs); and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): This Ministry has recognized 27 Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) under the erstwhile National Cancer Control Programme, a list of which is annexed. These RCCs are equipped with the modern facilities and are providing cost effective and comprehensive cancer care facilities.

Further, 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 envisaged 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 programme also envisages strengthening Government Medical College Hospitals and erstwhile Regional Cancer Centres (RCC) 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).

The proposal for 12th Five Year Plan envisages further expanding the cancer component of NPCDCS to all districts of the country and strengthening of Government Medical College Hospitals and erstwhile Regional Cancer Centres (RCC) as TCCs for comprehensive cancer care services. However, this will be dependent upon final approval of Planning Commission and availability of resources.