

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to accord status of National Institutes to a number of Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) in various cities including Trivandrum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to sanction more funds for a project on pediatric cancer patients undertaken at RCC, Trivandrum;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to provide self administrative status to various Cancer Centres in the Country including Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery in Kerala; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds released for the purpose and benefits accrued there from State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (f): Health is a State subject and the Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by strengthening comprehensive Cancer care services.

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. NPCDCS also envisaged strengthening of 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 were eligible for financial assistance upto Rs. 6.00 crore (Rs. 4.80 crore from Central Government and Rs. 1.20 crore from State Government).

On receipt of proposals from Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram and Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery for financial assistance under TCC scheme, the Government has released funds to the tune of Rs. 4.80 crore (each) as Govt. of India's share for non-recurring grant-in-aid to Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram and Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery in the financial year 2011-12.

The proposal for 12th Five Year Plan envisages providing support for National Cancer Institutes in the country, 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 subject to final approval of Competent authorities and availability of resources.