

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:242

ANSWERED ON:30.03.2012

CANCER PATIENTS

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

- (a) whether the number of patients suffering from cancer and deaths therefrom is constantly on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated number of cancer patients and deaths reported therefrom during each of the last three years in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the reasons for the high prevalence and high mortality rate attributable to cancer in the country;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the findings thereof; and
- (e) the preventive and remedial measures taken/proposed by the Government to control cancer and make easy availability of doctors, free/affordable medicines, diagnostic services and treatment facility to the cancer patients?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 242 FOR 30th MARCH, 2012

(a) & (b) Exact data regarding incidence of cancer and deaths therefrom is not centrally maintained. However, as per Indian Council of Medical Research, there is gradual increase in the number of cancer patients every year. The estimated number of cancer incidence cases and deaths, State/UT-wise, for the last three years, are at Annexure-I & Annexure-II.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Health is a State subject and the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing financial assistance to Government Medical Colleges/Institutions. The Government of India has taken up a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) in 100 districts across 21 States Under the Cancer component of the programme, the district hospitals are strengthened to take up early diagnosis through opportunistic screening for Oral, Breast and Cervical Cancers. It will also have provision for chemotherapy facilities and supportive care to cancer patients. Financial assistance for treatment of 100 cancer patients @ Rs. 1.00 lakh per patient is available per district. The programme also envisages strengthening of Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals including erstwhile Regional Cancer Centres across the country as Tertiary Cancer Centre (TCC) for providing comprehensive Cancer care services. Treatment of Cancer, wherever available in the Government health care delivery system is mostly subsidized.