

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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STUDY ON CANCER IN GANGA RIVER BELT

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

- (a) whether the National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has conducted a study regarding higher incidence of cancer and certain other diseases in areas drained by the Ganga in the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with the facts in this regard;
- (c) the reasons for higher incidences of cancer in the Ganga river belt; and
- (d) 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 ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) to (c) : As reported by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR has not conducted any study regarding cancer and other diseases in areas drained by Ganga in the country.

(d): Health being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to provide healthcare facilities To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in detection, treatment and management of cancer cases, Government of India has launched a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) in 2010 in 100 districts across 21 States.

Under the programme, Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) and Government Medical College Hospitals across the country are also eligible for financial assistance upto Rs. 6.00 crore (Rs. 4.80 crore from Central Government and Rs. 1.20 crore from State Government) for comprehensive cancer care services under Tertiary Cancer Centre (TCC) component.