

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

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

- (a) the total number of children suffering from cancer in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of doctors who have specialisation in paediatric oncology in the country;
- (c) the number of hospitals which have special facilities for treatment of those children suffering from cancer in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to ensure that no child suffering from cancer goes without specialised medical treatment?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): According to the estimates of Indian council of Medical Research (ICMR), the number of children (aged 0-14 years) suffering from cancer in the country was about 28,000 in 2011.

(b) to (d): Health is a State subject. Specialists trained in Paediatrics and Oncology manage the children suffering from cancer in Regional cancer centres and most of the Government Medical Colleges. This Ministry has recognized 27 Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) under the erstwhile National Cancer Control Programme for treatment of cancer patients including children suffering from cancer. Further, 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 to support the State Governments in detection, treatment and management of cancer cases.