

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

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CANCER CASES AMONG WOMEN

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study/survey on the rising incidence of cancer, particularly breast and cervical cancer among the women in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the number of such women patients in the country, State/UTwise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for regular screening, timely identification, proper diagnosis and treatment of women suffering from breast/cervical cancer, particularly in the rural and backward areas of the country;
- (d) whether the Government has launched any awareness programme and also vaccination project to deal with cancer cases among the women in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): National Cancer Registry Programme of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) provides data on cancer incidence through Population based cancer registries. According to ICMR, the number of breast and cervical cancer cases among the women are reported to have increased across the country. Estimated number of breast and cervical cancer cases for the year 2011 is at Annexure.

(c) to (e): While Health is a State subject, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in prevention, early detection 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, financial assistance upto Rs. 1.00 lakh per patient is provided for chemotherapy drugs to treat 100 Cancer patients per district.

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).

Central Government also supplements the efforts of the State Governments by focusing on early detection of cancer, promoting health education and creating awareness.