

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CANCER TREATMENT

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

- (a) whether as per an international research, one in every six cancer cases is caused by preventable infections;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open national and state cancer institutes along with supporting tertiary cancer centres and has prepared a Rs. 15,855/- crore plan for the purpose over the next five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has also framed/proposed any national guidelines for treatment and diagnostic protocols with regard to cancer and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Cancer is a Non-communicable disease. Cancer is caused by several causative factors. According to an article "Global burden of cancers attributable to infections in 2008: a review and synthetic analysis" published by International Agency for Research on Cancer it is reported that out of the 12.7 million of new cancer occurred in 2008 in the world, around 2 million new cancer cases were attributable to infections such as Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), Hepatitis B and C and Helicobacter Pylori etc.

Health being a State Subject, it is for the State Governments to provide healthcare facilities. To supplement the efforts of the State government 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 district across 21 States. Under the programme, Government of India is also providing financial assistance of Rs.6.00 crore (Rs.4.80 crore from Central Government and Rs.1.20 crore from State Government) to the eligible government medical college hospitals and erstwhile Regional Cancer Centres.

The Tertiary Cancer care will continue to be supported by the Central Government in the 12th Plan period.

(e) No. However guidelines for screening of common cancer (breast, cervix and oral) have been developed under National Programme for Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular and Stroke Programme.