

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NATIONAL CANCER GRID
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the creation of the National Cancer Grid (NATCANGRID) along with the objective thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Maharashtra to establish a Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Government Medical College and Hospital, Nagpur under the National Cancer Grid;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) whether similar proposals have also been received from the other States/UTs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of each of these proposals, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) As ascertained from the Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, the National Cancer Grid is envisaged to be a network of existing and future major cancer centres in the country created with the mandate of:

- i) Creating uniform standards of patient care across the length and breadth of country, bringing high quality cancer care to the doorsteps of patients.
- ii) Augmenting human resource capabilities in cancer management in the country.
- iii) Promoting collaborative research in cancer.

Two preliminary meetings for the above have been held in August, 2012 and February, 2013 where major Cancer centres in the country participated.

(b) & (c) Yes. A proposal for financial assistance of Rs.378.47 crore has been received from Government of Maharashtra to establish a comprehensive Cancer Institute at Government Medical College and Hospital at Nagpur. The extant scheme for cancer (The National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke-NPCDCS) does not have provisions to consider a proposal of this magnitude. The existing scheme provides for a financial assistance up to Rs. 6.00 crore (Rs. 4.80 crore from Central Government and Rs. 1.20 crore from State Government) after fulfilling the guidelines and conditions.

(d)&(e) Proposals under National Cancer Grid have not been received from other State/UT Governments.