

**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 estimated number of children suffering from various kinds of cancer including blood cancer indicating their percentage to the total number of cancer patients in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether a number of such children suffering from cancer die prematurely due to lack of treatment facilities and specialiststrained in paediatric oncology in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of qualified paediatric oncologists and cancer treatment hospitals in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the mortality and treatment success rates among the children suffering from cancer in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 458 FOR 26TH APRIL, 2013

(a) According to National Cancer Registry Programme of Indian Council of Medical Research , the estimated number of children (0-14 years)suffering from cancer in different states is Annexed. Childhood cancers constitute around 2.9% of all cancers.

(b)to(e): 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.

Data on qualified Paediatric Oncologists and on mortality and treatment success rate among children suffering from cancer is not being collected centrally.