

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CASES OF CANCER .

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

- (a) whether the number of people suffering from various types of cancer is on the rise in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the estimated number of cancer patients along with the number of cancer cases and deaths reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government to control cancer and provide affordable treatment to the patients along with the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce and popularise stem cell treatment/therapy for the treatment of cancer patients in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to open stem cell bank for the purpose in the country and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Information received from Indian Council of Medical Research suggests that the estimated number of cancer cases and deaths are increasing. State/UT wise estimates of prevalence, incidence and deaths due to cancer for last three years are given in Annexure-I , Annexure-II and Annexure-III respectively.

(c): Health being a State subject, it is for the State to provide health care facilities. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in detection, treatment and management of cancer cases, Government of India has launched a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardio-vascular diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) in 2010 in 100 district across 21 States. State-wise release of funds and utilisation under NPCDCS during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 is at Annexure-IV.

Under the Programme, Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) and Government Medical College Hospitals across the country are eligible for receiving financial assistance upto Rs.6.00 Crore (Rs.4.80 crore from Central Government and Rs.1.20 crore from State Government) for providing comprehensive cancer care services under Tertiary Cancer Centre (TCC) component. Funds released under this component of the programme are given at Annexure-V.

From 2013-14 onwards, interventions under NPCDCS for prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer, which can be taken up upto District level, have been brought under the umbrella of National Rural Health Mission.

(d) & (e): Stem Cell treatment / therapy of certain cancers is available at leading centres including AIIMS, New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, and Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. There is no proposal, at present to start stem cell banks for this purpose.