

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram and certain other such centres as National Cancer Centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanctioned and allocated for the purpose, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal/request in this regard;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No. However, in the 12th Five Year Plan, Government of India has recently approved a scheme to enhance the Tertiary Care Cancer facilities by assisting in setting up of State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and for setting up/strengthening Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) in different parts of the country. Financial Assistance upto Rs.120 cr. and upto Rs. 45 cr. per SCI and TCCC respectively has been envisaged. The State share will be 25% in both the cases except in North-East and Hill States, where the State share will be 10%. 20 SCIs in 20 States and 50 TCCCs in different parts of the country can be assisted under the scheme.

Existing Regional Cancer Centres including the RCC, Thiruvananthapuram would be eligible for financial assistance subject to conditions of the scheme being fulfilled.

(c) and (d) : Proposals have been received from States which includes from Tamil Nadu for upgradation of Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai as a "Centre of Excellence - an Autonomous National Cancer Research Institute" and from Kerala, RCC Thiruvananthapuram for National Cancer Institute/Centre.