

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

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CANCER CASES

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

- (a) whether a large number of cases of cancer has been reported from some parts including Thoothukudui district of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details and the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the Union Government has sent any team to find out the reasons for such large number of cancer cases being reported from these districts;
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): According to the National Cancer Registry Programme of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the estimated total numbers of new cancer cases are about 9 lakhs in India. There is no cancer registry functioning in Thoothukudui district of Tamil Nadu. The overall trend of cancer occurrence in India is however, rising.

(c)&(d): No central team has been deputed for the purpose.

(e): This Ministry is implementing various schemes under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) to create greater awareness about the disease and for providing comprehensive treatment to the cancer patients through the 27 Regional Cancer Centres; and oncological wings in the medical colleges in the States/UTs.

In addition, the Government has set up the "Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (CPF) to provide financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) cancer patients.