

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEATHS DUE TO BREAST CANCER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of women die of breast cancer every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether most of the hospitals/ primary healthcare centres in the country are ill equipped to detect breast cancer cases at the first stage;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make hospitals/health centres well equipped to handle such cases;
- (f) whether the Government has launched breast cancer awareness programme in the rural areas in the country; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the Statewise funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (g): Health being a state subject, the exact number of deaths due to breast cancer in India is not maintained centrally. However, according to Indian Council of Medical Research the estimated number of women died due to breast cancer in India during the year 2007 is 41,245.

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) is being implemented with the objectives of primary prevention through health education, secondary prevention through early detection and diagnosis of cancer and strengthening of cancer treatment facilities. In addition, the comprehensive cancer detection and management facilities including cancer testing facilities in respective regions/states are provided by 27 Regional Cancer Centres in different parts of the country.

The public awareness about cancer is also being carried out through Electronic and Print Media.

NCCP being a centrally sponsored plan scheme and no state-wise funds are allocated under the scheme