

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:73  
ANSWERED ON:11.07.2014  
CANCER CARE CENTRES INSTITUTES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has approved any scheme for setting up/ strengthening of cancer care centres/ institutes in various parts of the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with the cancer centres/institutes upgraded or likely to be upgraded in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from various States including Kerala for setting up of cancer research institutes and treatment centres in their States; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.73 FOR 11.07.2014

Government of India has in the year 2013-14, approved a scheme for enhancing the tertiary care cancer facilities in the country. Under this scheme, Government of India will assist 20 State Cancer Institutes (SCI) and 50 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCC) in different parts of the country. The maximum assistance inclusive of State share for SCI is Rs.120 crores and for TCCC is Rs.45 crores. The Central and State share will be in the ratio 75:25 and for North East and Hill States, this ratio would be 90:10.

It is envisaged that SCIs will be the apex institutions in the State for cancer related activities. SCIs are expected to mentor and coordinate the activities of other Institutes in the State dealing with the tertiary care of cancer. SCI will provide outreach services, diagnosis and referral treatments, undertake research, participate in cancer registry programme and enhance the manpower capacity in the State in the field of cancer care. TCCC will undertake similar activities, though at a lower scale.

Guidelines of the Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer facilities scheme were circulated to the States in the month of January, 2014, inviting detailed proposals. The location of the institutions to be assisted was suggested based on population and availability of treatment facilities in the State and finalized with concurrence of the State Governments. Since then, we have received 24 proposals from various States including Kerala. The number of proposals received from State Governments is at Annexure.

After examining the proposals received, the deficiencies, if any, are communicated to the Institutes/State Governments concerned. Proposals are considered by a Standing Committee constituted for this purpose. The first meeting of the Standing Committee, where 7 proposals were considered, was held on 19.03.2014.

In-so-far as Kerala is concerned, the proposals under the scheme have been received from Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram for SCI and Government Medical College, Kozhikode for TCCC. The Standing Committee in the meeting held on 19.03.2014 has recommended the proposals subject to fulfillment of the deficiencies. There was a request from the State Government of Kerala for TCCC at Malabar Cancer Centre, Kunnur, which was not agreed to since Government Medical College, Kozhikode, was already included to cater to the north part of Kerala.