

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:314  
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ASSISTANCE FOR POOR CANCER PATIENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has set up any fund to provide financial assistance to the poor patients suffering from cancer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria and procedure laid down for the grant of said assistance to the needy cancer patients; and
- (c) the number of cancer patients provided financial assistance thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) &(b): Yes. The 'Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund(HMCPF) was established as a Corpus Fund within Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi(RAN) with an outlay of Rs.100 crore. Interest earned from the Corpus Fund is released as Revolving Fund to the 27 Regional Cancer Centres(RCCs). The financial assistance upto Rs One lakh to Below Poverty Line (BPL) cancer patients is provided by the RCCs concerned through the revolving fund placed at their disposal. The cases of financial assistance above Rupees One lakh are referred to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for providing assistance from the Central Funds.

(c): A list of number of cancer patients provided financial assistance at 27 RCCs is annexed.