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Title: Need to take immediate steps to curb the increasing incidents of cancer particularly in Sangrur, Punjab.

SHRI BHAGWANT MANN (SANGRUR): The cancer has gripped Punjab and affected every family specially in Sangrur. In 2012, according to the cancer survey conducted by the teams of health department, it was discovered that 1307 cancer patients died during the past five years in the district. Sangrur has 913 confirmed cases of cancer in half of the population (about 8 lakh). The teams had also recorded 4596 suspected cases in the district on the basis of 12 symptoms.

There is lack of super-speciality hospitals in Sangrur which can treat patients of cancer. There is also lack of awareness about any government scheme. Most importantly, industries have polluted the environment of Sangrur with heavy metals, air pollution (SPM, PM, NO<sub>2</sub>) and its water sources as well, which has degraded the health profile of people of Sangrur. The state government has not been able to provide effective, healthcare facilities for preventing, curing or solving the problem of increasing cases of cancer in Sangrur and Punjab at large.

I, therefore, request the Union Minister concerned to take remedial steps in this regard.