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title: Need to accord approval for upgradation of Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer Centre in Cuttack into an Apex Centre of Excellence on Cancer.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Hon. Chairperson, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity. As per the National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research National Cancer Registry programme report India shares around 5.7 per cent of global cancer burden which implies that every 13th new cancer patient in the world is an Indian. The increase in the number of cancer cases in the country may be attributed to a large number of ageing population, unhealthy life styles, use of tobacco and tobacco products, unhealthy diets etc. Central Government supplements the efforts of respective State Governments for improving health care including prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. National Health Mission is now being implemented especially for cancer patients for intervention, at the district level, include awareness generation for cancer prevention, screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level of institution for treatment. The focus is on three types of cancer, namely breast, cervical and oral cancer.

In the State of Odisha we have a Regional Institute of Cancer named as Acharya Harihara Regional Cancer Centre situated in Cuttack. My demand is that the Odisha Government has sent a proposal to the Central Government for upgradation of this Regional Cancer Centre to an apex centre of excellence on cancer to manage the increasing patients of cancer in the State and to provide them timely and advanced treatment.

I would like to mention here that the incidence of cancer cases State-wise in India has been given here. In the State of Odisha, in 2012 it was 36,599 and in 2015 it has risen to 39,288 and the mortality rate in 2012 was around 16,103, in 2015 it has risen to 17,287. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to consider the proposal which the Government of Odisha has sent to upgrade it as an apex centre of excellence and accord its approval to the proposal and provide adequate funds for the purpose at the earliest.

Thank you.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Shri P.P.Chaudhary, Kunwar Pushpendra Singh, Shri Sharad Tripathi, Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra, Dr. Manoj Rajoria are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.