

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**RISING CASES OF CANCER IN THE COUNTRY .**

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of cancer patients in the country is continuously increasing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any comprehensive scheme has been formulated by Government for prevention of cancer; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a & b): According to a Report of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), based on Population Cancer Registries, the number of new cancer cases occurring every year in India is estimated to be about 9 lakhs. The exact number of Cancer cases in the country is not centrally maintained. However, the number of non-communicable diseases including cancer cases is rising mainly due to increase in the population, unhealthy lifestyle and tobacco use.

(c & d): This Ministry is implementing various schemes under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) and releasing the grant-in-aid to the Medical Colleges/State Governments for creating awareness and upgrading the Medical infrastructure for providing cost effective treatment to the poor and needy patients. In addition 27 Regional Cancer Centres have been recognized in various States/UTs for carrying out research activity and providing treatment to the cancer patients.