

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.291
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2015**

RESEARCH ON CANCER TREATMENT 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 India is still lagging behind in the field of research of medicine to eliminate cancer while this disease is spreading considerably;
- (b) if so, the latest position of the development for the treatment of cancer in the country;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to work together with the other countries already doing research in this field; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) & (b): The technological advances in the field of cancer treatment in various specialties is an ongoing process. The treatment of cancer is by radiotherapy, chemotherapy, surgery and palliative care. The State Government Health facilities and Central Government Institutions, such as AIIMS, Safdarjung Hospital, RML Hospital, PGIMER (Chandigarh), JIPMER (Puducherry), CNCI (Kolkata), etc., provide facilities for diagnosis and treatment of cancer. The ICMR has developed and disseminated guidelines for management of various type of cancers.

(c) & (d): India has signed an MoU with National Cancer Institute of USA in which ICMR, AIIMS and DBT are the parties for cooperation on Cancer Research Prevention, Control and Management. India is also a member of International Agency of Research on Cancer (IARC) which is a WHO body for research on Cancer.