

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *152
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023

CREATING AWARENESS AMONG WOMEN REGARDING CANCER

*152 SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

the Government's initiatives being implemented across the country for spreading awareness regarding early detection, prevention, controlling and screening for breast, cervical, oral etc. cancer which commonly affect women?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *152 for 15.03.2023 by Shri Sanjeev Arora regarding 'Creating awareness among women regarding cancer'

Public health and Hospitals is a State subject and the State Governments are primarily responsible for up-keep, provide health care to people and maintain information of hospitals. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments/ UT Administrations and provides technical and financial support to them under the 'National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS)', as part of 'National Health Mission (NHM)'. The Programme focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion & awareness generation for prevention, early diagnosis, management and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment of the given common Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) including hypertension, diabetes and common cancer (oral, cervical and breast cancer) in both the sexes. There is particularly focus on cervical cancer and breast cancer. Under NPCDCS, 708 NCD clinics at District level and 5671 NCD clinics at Community Health Centre level has been set up to ensure the treatment of common NCDs.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) i.e. diabetes, hypertension and common cancers (breast, cervical and oral) has been rolled out in the country under NHM and also as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for screening. Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs). Till date, more than 1.5 lakhs Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) have been operationalized throughout the country. The number of persons screened so far through HWCs includes 34.90 Cr for hypertension, 29.89 Cr for diabetes, 20.53 Cr for oral cancer, 9.62 Cr for breast cancer and 6.58 Cr for cervical cancer.

Trainings of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) are conducted for early detection of three common cancers including breast cancer.

Preventive aspect of Cancer is being strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centre Scheme, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level. Further, healthy eating is also promoted through Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Fit India movement implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and various Yoga related activities carried out by Ministry of AYUSH are also supplementing the preventive healthcare pertaining to NCDs. In addition, NPCDCS gives support under NHM for awareness generation (IEC) activities to be undertaken by the States/ UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). Other initiatives for increasing public awareness about common Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and for promotion of healthy lifestyle are use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness.
