

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.214
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2023**

CANCER PATIENTS BENEFITTED UNDER NPCDCS

214 SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

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

- (a) the number of cancer patients benefitted under the National Program for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke(NPCDCS);
- (b) whether Government has taken any action to provide accessible and affordable healthcare and treatment to people with cancer at Government hospitals, especially to lower income people, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is enough infrastructure, hospitals, medical staff and doctors to tackle the problem, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has resources-in-place to spread awareness about cancer, its causes, prevention and treatment to the general public and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) to (d): The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). The programme includes the following,

- i. Strengthening infrastructure
- ii. Human resource development
- iii. Health promotion
- iv. Screening of 30 years and above population under Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre
- v. Early diagnosis and management
- vi. Referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility

Under NPCDCS, 708 District NCD Clinics, 194 District Cardiac Care Units, 301 District Day Care Centres and 5671 Community Health Center NCD Clinics has been set up.

In the various Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres, the number of persons screened includes 20.66 Crores for Oral Cancer, 9.68 Crores for Breast Cancer and 6.61 Crores for Cervical Cancer as on 17.03.2023.

Patients with Cancer are getting treatment at various health facilities in the health care delivery system including Districts Hospitals, Medical Colleges, Central Institutes like AIIMS and private sector hospitals. Relevant data related to patients registered for treatment is maintained by the Institutions and Hospitals concerned at their own level.

To facilitate accessible and affordable healthcare and treatment, the following steps have been taken:-

1. The Central Government implements Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer Facilities Scheme. 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) have been approved under the said scheme. 15 institutes are functional so far. The details are attached at Annexure 1.

2. National Cancer Institute at Jhajjar (Haryana) and second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata have also been setup.
3. All new AIIMS and many upgraded institutions under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY) also focus on treatment of NCDs. The details are attached at Annexure 2.
4. Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary or tertiary care hospitalization to over 60 Crores beneficiaries identified from Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011) database is provided. The treatment packages under AB-PMJAY are very comprehensive covering various treatment related aspects such as drugs and diagnostic services.
5. Financial assistance is provided to poor patients belonging to families living below poverty line, suffering from major life-threatening diseases including cancer under Umbrella scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG). Financial assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 1,25,000/- is provided under HMDG to defray a part of the treatment cost and the maximum financial assistance provided under the Umbrella Scheme of RAN is Rs. 15 lakhs.
6. Quality generic medicines are made available at affordable prices to all, under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in collaboration with the State Governments. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) Pharmacy stores have been set up in some hospitals/institutions, with an objective to make available Cancer drugs at a substantial discount vis-à-vis the Maximum Retail Price.
7. Availability of Human Resources (HR) for the public health facilities is responsibility of the State Govt. However, National Health Mission (NHM) provides fund to supplement the existing HR and to bridge the gap. The support is also provided to State/UTs for hard area allowance to health care providers for serving especially in rural and remote areas.
8. The Government has facilitated an increase in the number of medical colleges from 387 before 2014 to 660 as of now. Further, MBBS seats have been increased from 51,348 before 2014 to 1,01,043. PG seats have been increased from 31,185 before 2014 to 65,335.

Awareness Generation for Cancer prevention & treatment has also been focused in following ways:-

1. Preventive aspect of Cancer is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre Scheme, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level.
2. Other initiatives for increasing public awareness by using print, electronic and social media about Cancer and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of National Cancer Awareness Day, World Cancer Day.
3. Healthy Eating is promoted through Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
4. Fit India movement is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
5. Various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH.

Table of SCIs/TCCCs:

| S No | State | Name of the Institute | SCI / TCCC |
|------|------------------|--|------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool | SCI |
| 2 | Assam | Gauhati Medical College & Hospital, Guwahati | SCI |
| 3 | Bihar | Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna | SCI |
| 4 | Chhattisgarh | Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences, Bilaspur | SCI |
| 5 | Delhi | Lok Nayak Hospital | TCCC |
| 6 | Gujarat | Gujarat Cancer Research Institute, Ahmedabad | SCI |
| 7 | Goa | Goa Medical College, Panaji | TCCC |
| 8 | Haryana | Civil Hospital, Ambala Cantt | TCCC |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla | TCCC |
| 10 | Himachal Pradesh | Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Medical College, Mandi | TCCC |
| 11 | Jammu & Kashmir | Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar | SCI |
| 12 | | Government Medical College, Jammu | SCI |
| 13 | Jharkhand | Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi | SCI |
| 14 | Karnataka | Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (RCC), Bengaluru | SCI |
| 15 | | Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya | TCCC |
| 16 | Kerala | Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram | SCI |
| 17 | | Government Medical College, Kozhikode | TCCC |
| 18 | Madhya Pradesh | G.R. Medical College, Gwalior | TCCC |
| 19 | | Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Medical College, Jabalpur | SCI |
| 20 | Maharashtra | Rashtrasant Tukdoji Regional Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Nagpur | TCCC |
| 21 | | Government Medical College, Aurangabad | SCI |
| 22 | | Vivekanand Foundation & Research Centre, Latur | TCCC |
| 23 | Mizoram | Mizoram State Cancer Institute, Aizawl | TCCC |
| 24 | Nagaland | District Hospital, Kohima | TCCC |
| 25 | Odisha | Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer Centre, Cuttack | SCI |
| 26 | Punjab | Government Medical College, Amritsar | SCI |
| 27 | | Civil Hospital, Fazilka | TCCC |
| 28 | Rajasthan | S P Medical College, Bikaner | TCCC |
| 29 | | SMS Medical College, Jaipur | SCI |
| 30 | | Jhalawar Medical College & Hospital, Jhalawar | TCCC |
| 31 | Sikkim | Multispecialty Hospital at Sohygang (Sichey), near Gangtok, Sikkim | TCCC |
| 32 | Tamil Nadu | Cancer Institute (RCC), Adyar, Chennai | SCI |
| 33 | Telangana | MNJ Institute of Oncology & RCC, Hyderabad | SCI |
| 34 | Tripura | Cancer Hospital (RCC), Agartala | SCI |
| 35 | Uttar Pradesh | Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow | TCCC |
| 36 | Uttarakhand | Government Medical College, Haldwani | SCI |
| 37 | West Bengal | Government Medical College, Burdwan | TCCC |
| 38 | | Murshidabad Medical College & Hospital, Berhampore, Murshidabad | TCCC |
| 39 | | Sagore Dutta Memorial Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata | TCCC |

Table 1: Cancer Treatment Facility is approved in all New AIIMS

| Sl. | AIIMS | Sl. | AIIMS |
|-----|-------------|-----|-----------|
| 1 | Bhopal | 12 | Bathinda |
| 2 | Bhubaneswar | 13 | Guwahati |
| 3 | Jodhpur | 14 | Bilaspur |
| 4 | Patna | 15 | Deoghar |
| 5 | Raipur | 16 | Jammu |
| 6 | Rishikesh | 17 | Kashmir |
| 7 | Raebareli | 18 | Madurai |
| 8 | Mangalagiri | 19 | Rajkot |
| 9 | Nagpur | 20 | Bibinagar |
| 10 | Kalyani | 21 | Manethi |
| 11 | Gorakhpur | 22 | Darbhanga |

Table 2: List of State Govt. Medical Colleges being upgraded for cancer treatment

| Sl. | State | Name of Govt Medical College | Facility |
|-----|------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Jharkhand | RIMS Ranchi | 68 bedded Oncology Block |
| 2. | Punjab | Govt Medical College Amritsar | Oncology |
| 3. | Himachal Pradesh | Rajendra Prasad Govt. Medical College, Tanda | Oncology |
| 4. | Karnataka | Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences, Hubli | Medical Oncology |
| 5. | Rajasthan | SP Medical College, Bikaner | Surgical Oncology |
| 6. | Rajasthan | RNT Medical College, Udaipur | Radiotherapy/Oncology |
| 7. | Telangana | Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal | Medical Oncology |
| 8. | Uttar Pradesh | Govt Medical College, Gorakhpur | Surgical Oncology |
| 9. | Uttar Pradesh | M.L.N Government Medical College, Allahabad | Surgical Oncology |
| 10. | Uttar Pradesh | LLRM Medical College, Meerut. | Radiotherapy |
| 11. | Uttar Pradesh | Govt Medical College, Agra | Radiation /Medical Oncology |
| 12. | Bihar | Patna | Radiotherapy (equipment) |
| 13. | Kerala | Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram | Imaging Services and Interventional Radiotherapy |