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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1532
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th MARCH, 2023

NEED OF CANCER HOSPITAL IN THE STATE OF BIHAR

1532. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been substantive increase of the cancer patients in some of the districts of Bihar like Begusarai, Khagaria, Bhagalpur and Samastipur;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government will send a team to understand visible and invisible reasons in view of increased number of cancer cases; and
- (d) whether Government will consider to open a Cancer Hospital in Begusarai to facilitate cancer patients?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (d): As per the ICMR – National Cancer Registry Programme, the estimated number of incidence and mortality of cancer cases is increasing in the country during 2020 to 2022 and the details pertaining to the state of Bihar are enclosed below:

Estimated Incidence of cancer cases in Bihar - All sites - (2020-2022) - Both sexes			
Year	2020	2021	2022
Estimated Incidence	103711	106435	109274

Cancer is a multi-factorial disease, the risk factors of which, include ageing population, sedentary lifestyle, use of tobacco products, unhealthy diet and air pollution.

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), as part of National Health Mission (NHM), based on the proposals received from the States/UTs and subject to the resource envelope. Cancer is an integral part of NPCDCS. The programme focusses 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 Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), including Cancer. Under NPCDCS, 38 District NCD Clinics, 6 District Cardiac Care Units, and 210 Community Health Center NCD Clinics has been set up in Bihar.

Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Muzaffarpur is providing Cancer Screening services in all 38 districts.

Cancer is diagnosed and treated at various levels in the health care facilities. The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy. The Central Government implements Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centres Facilities Scheme in order to enhance the facilities for tertiary care of cancer. 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Cancer Care Centres (TCCCs) have been approved under the said scheme. Indira Gandhi Institute Medical Sciences, Patna was approved as SCI and is fully functional.

There is also focus on Oncology in its various aspects in case of new AIIMS and many Institutions approved for upgradation under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY). AIIMS at Patna is fully functional for cancer services.
