

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION 2201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST 2023**

PROPOSAL TO REVAMP RBSK

2201 SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to revamp the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) in near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are any provisions of Cancer Care treatment and Management of children affected by cancer in public hospitals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) and (b):

Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) programme under Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) strategy of National Health Mission, Government of India, aims to improve the quality of life of children and provide comprehensive care to children in the community. The program involves screening of children from birth to 18 years of age at Anganwadi and Schools for '4Ds'- Defects at birth, Development Delays, Deficiencies and Diseases, spanning 32 common health conditions for early detection, free treatment and management, including surgeries at tertiary level.

The programme is reviewed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in close coordination with States/ UTs during finalisation of Annual Program Implementation Plan and State Review meetings.

(c) to (e):

Under National Health Mission, technical and financial support is provided to the States/UTs based on the proposals to implement the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) which includes Cancer. The programme focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion for prevention,

early diagnosis, management and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment.

Childhood Cancer patients are getting treatment at various health facilities like District Hospitals, Medical Colleges, Institutes of National Importance (INI), empanelled hospitals under PMJAY, Central Government hospitals including AIIMS.

Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), health insurance of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year is provided for secondary or tertiary care hospitalization. Treatment of cancer including related aspects such as drugs and diagnostic services are also available under PMJAY.

Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) Pharmacy stores have been set up in hospitals, to make available Cancer drugs at a substantial discount.
