

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1705  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**INADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR CANCER TREATMENT IN PUNJAB**

**1705. SHRI RAGHAV CHADHA:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the problems being faced by patients in absence of adequate facilities for cancer treatment in the State of Punjab;
- (b) if so, the initiative being taken to address the said problems;
- (c) whether any proposal from the State for providing cancer scanning machines for early diagnosis of cancer has been received;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government proposes to extend financial assistance to the State Government of Punjab for the said purpose; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (f): The Central Government implements Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer Facilities Scheme under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD), a centrally sponsored scheme, 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) have been approved. In the state of Punjab, Government Medical College, Amritsar has been approved as a SCI with the total financial outlay of Rs. 114.61 crores (Rs. 51.58 crore release of central share) and Civil Hospital, Fazilka has been approved as TCCC with the total financial outlay of Rs. 44.71 crores (Rs. 20.119 crore release of central share) on fund sharing basis of 60:40 (Centre:State).

Punjab Government has informed that state government have 8 dedicated Tertiary Cancer Care Centres including Government Medical College, Amritsar and Civil Hospital, Fazilka. State Government has also dedicated Cancer Care Scheme called Mukh-Mantri Punjab Cancer Rahat Kosh where financial support of Rs. 1.5 lakh is provided to cancer patient for cashless cancer treatment through 20 empanelled hospitals in the state.

Cancer treatment is available in AIIMS, Bhatinda.

Under NP-NCD, there is a provision for procurement of scanning machines (Mamography, Colposcope, MRI, CT, etc) for early diagnosis of cancer at district level.

Diagnosis and treatment of NCDs including cancer is available at various levels in the health care delivery system including District Hospitals, Medical Colleges, Central Institute like AIIMS, Central Government Hospitals and private sector hospitals. The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy.

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