

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1732
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th AUGUST, 2024**

ESTABLISHMENT OF CANCER HOSPITAL IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

1732. DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

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

- (a) the number of State Cancer Institute's (SCIs) and Tertiary Care Cancer Centres approved in the State of Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the total fund sanctioned for cancer patients and whether Central Government has received proposal from the State to establish cancer hospital in Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to establish the cancer care facilities/therapy units with an affordable price specifically for patients from rural backgrounds who are facing financial constraints and cultural barrier across the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) "The Department of Health & Family Welfare, is implementing the strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer Centre facility Scheme to enhance the facilities for tertiary care of Cancer under National Programme for Prevention & Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under National Health Mission(NHM). Under the Scheme financial assistance upto ₹120 crore for State Cancer Institute (SCI) and upto ₹45 crore for Tertiary Cancer Care Centre (TCCC) which includes State share is provided. The funds sharing ratio between Centre and State is 60:40 while for North East and Hilly States the ratio is 90:10. 19-SCIs and 20-TCCCs are approved under the said Scheme. Two Tertiary Care Cancer Centres at the cost of Rs. 45 Cr. each including State Share is approved in the State of Himachal Pradesh:-
 - i. Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla (TCCC)
 - ii. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Medical College, Mandi(TCCC)

The details of fund released to these institutes/TCCC are as under:-

(In ₹ Crore)

Name of Institute	Amount recommended by Standing Committee on Cancer Care	Central Share	Total amount released against Central Share (As on 02.08.2024)
Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla	45	40.5	40.5
Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Medical College, Mandi	45	40.5	29.63

(D) To facilitate the affordable treatment of cancer, the following steps have been taken:-

- i. Cancer Patients are getting treatment at various health facilities including District Hospitals, Medical Colleges, Central Institutes like AIIMS and private sector hospitals. The treatment provided in Government Hospitals is either free or subsidized.
- ii. Cancer-related Treatment is also available under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) under three heads Oncology-Medical, Surgical, and Radiation. Under AB-PMJAY, health insurance cover of ₹ 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to approximately 55 Cr beneficiaries corresponding to 12.34 Crore families constituting the bottom 40% of India's population is provided.
- iii. 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 ₹ 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 ₹ 15 lakhs.
