

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 924  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2024**

**CANCER PATIENT IN PUNJAB**

**924. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:**

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

- (a) the total number of cancer patients in the country State-wise including Punjab for the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government has any control over the rates of the cancer treatment drugs and tests, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;
- (c) whether a needy patient can get financial assistance from Government under any other scheme apart from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) As per the Indian Council of Medical Research's Cancer Registry Data on National Cancer Registry Programme(NCRP), the estimated number of incidence of all types of cancer cases for the last five years (2019 to 2023) State/UT-wise including Punjab is enclosed in **Annexure**.
- (b) The measures taken by the Government to control over the rates of the cancer treatment drugs and tests are as follows:
  - (i) The Department of Pharmaceuticals has informed that the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has fixed ceiling prices of 131 anti-cancer scheduled formulations included in Scheduled-I as per the provisions of DPCO, 2013. In addition, NPPA capped the Trade Margin of select 42 Anti-Cancer non-scheduled formulations.
  - (ii) Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) scheme was launched to set up dedicated outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all. As on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 12,616 PMBJKs have been opened in the country. Under PMBJP, 2047 types of medicines and 300 surgical devices have been brought under the basket of the scheme of which 83 products are for cancer treatment. Presently, 61 products are available for sale through selected Jab Aushadhi Kendras.
  - (iii) Further, Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT), an initiative launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare aims to provide affordable medicines for treatment of cancer, cardiovascular and other diseases. As on

15.06.2024 there are 206 AMRIT Pharmacies spread across 29 States/Union Territories, selling more than 5,200 drugs (including cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes, stents, etc), implants, surgical disposables and other consumables at a significant discounts.

(c) To facilitate the affordable treatment of cancer and provide financial assistance, the following steps have been taken:-

- i. Patients with non-communicable diseases 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 Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 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 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.

<b>Table 1: Estimated Incidence of cancer cases in India by different State/UT - All sites(ICD10: C00-C97) - (2019-2023)</b>					
<b>State</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	357	366	380	393	401
Andhra Pradesh	68883	70424	71970	73536	75086
Arunachal Pradesh	1015	1035	1064	1087	1125
Assam	36948	37880	38834	39787	40721
Bihar	101014	103711	106435	109274	112180
Chandigarh	994	1024	1053	1088	1120
Chhattisgarh	27113	27828	28529	29253	30014
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	186	206	219	238	252
Daman	118	124	135	150	161
Delhi	24436	25178	25969	26735	27561
Goa	1591	1618	1652	1700	1735
Gujarat	67841	69660	71507	73382	75290
Haryana	28453	29219	30015	30851	31679
Himachal Pradesh	8589	8799	8978	9164	9373
Jammu & Kashmir UT	12396	12726	13060	13395	13744
Jharkhand	33045	33961	34910	35860	36840
Karnataka	83824	85968	88126	90349	92560
Kerala	56148	57155	58139	59143	60162
Ladakh UT	279	286	294	302	309
Lakshadweep	27	27	28	28	31
Madhya Pradesh	75911	77888	79871	81901	84029
Maharashtra	113374	116121	118906	121717	124584
Manipur	1844	1899	2022	2097	2169
Meghalaya	2808	2879	2943	3025	3099
Mizoram	1783	1837	1919	1985	2063
Nagaland	1719	1768	1805	1854	1890
Orissa	49604	50692	51829	52960	54136
Pondicherry	1523	1577	1623	1679	1753
Punjab	37744	38636	39521	40435	41337
Rajasthan	69156	70987	72825	74725	76655
Sikkim	443	445	465	496	525
Tamil Nadu	86596	88866	91184	93536	95944
Telangana	46464	47620	48775	49983	51145
Tripura	2507	2574	2623	2715	2790
Uttar Pradesh	196652	201319	206088	210958	215931
Uttaranchal	11216	11482	11779	12065	12348
West Bengal	105814	108394	110972	113581	116230
<b>India</b>	<b>13,58,415</b>	<b>13,92,179</b>	<b>14,26,447</b>	<b>14,61,427</b>	<b>14,96,972</b>

*Ref: National Cancer Registry Programme*