

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 81
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 2024**

FUNDS RELEASED TO REGIONAL CANCER CENTRES

81 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise and Centre-wise details of funds released to Regional Cancer Centres under Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF) and other schemes for the last three years;
- (b) whether any public awareness campaign is launched for prevention and early treatment of cancer so that many patients can be cured timely, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any steps have been taken for ensuring availability of cancer treatment medicines including procedures at reasonable price, affordable to common people, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides one-time financial assistance upto Rs.15 lakh for treatment of poor patients living below threshold poverty line and suffering from cancer through Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF) which is a component of the Umbrella Scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN). The financial assistance is provided for treatment of the patients at Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) / Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCC), State Cancer Institutes (SCI) and other Government hospitals/institutes having cancer treatment facilities.

The year-wise and Centre-wise details of funds released for the treatment of poor patients to Regional Cancer Centres under HMCPF component of the Umbrella Scheme of RAN are at **Annexure - I**.

The Central Government also implements the Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centers Facilities Scheme under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases in order to enhance the facilities for cancer care at tertiary level. Under this scheme, 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Cancer Care Centers (TCCCs) have been approved. The status of funds released during the last three years is at **Annexure - II**.

(b) Measures taken by Government to create awareness are as follows:

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, provides technical and financial support to the States and Union Territories under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) as part of National Health Mission (NHM). The programme focusses

on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, early diagnosis, referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment and management and health promotion and awareness generation for prevention, of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) including three common cancer (breast cancer, cervical cancer and oral cancer).

A population-based initiative for screening, management and prevention of common NCDs including three common cancer (breast cancer, cervical cancer and oral cancer) has been rolled out as a part of comprehensive Primary Health Care in the country under NHM. Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery. Further initiatives for increasing public awareness about NCDs including cancer and for promotion of healthy lifestyle include observation of National Cancer Awareness day, use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. NP-NCD gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation activities for non-communicable diseases to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Healthy eating is promoted through Eat Right India movement of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Fit India movement is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH.

(c) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) fixes the ceiling price of the scheduled medicines specified in the first schedule of the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 2013. All manufacturers of scheduled medicines (branded or generic) have to sell their products within the ceiling price (plus applicable Goods and Services Tax) fixed by the NPPA. Further, as per the provisions of DPCO, 2013, the ceiling prices of scheduled medicines are revised annually on the basis of Wholesale Price

Index (WPI). In case of non-scheduled formulations, a manufacturer is at the liberty to fix the maximum retail price of a non-scheduled formulation, branded or generic, launched by it. However, as per the provisions of the DPCO, 2013, the manufacturers of non-scheduled formulations are not allowed to increase the maximum retail price of such formulations by more than 10% per annum.

NPPA has fixed the ceiling prices of 131 anti-cancer scheduled formulations included in Schedule I of DPCO, 2013 under National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) 2015 and 2022, out of which ceiling prices of 120 formulations are fixed under NLEM 2022 (including newly added formulations like Bendamustine hydrochloride Injection 100mg, Lenalidomide Capsule 25mg and 5mg, etc.). This has resulted in the reduction of around 21.06% from the existing ceiling price under NLEM 2015, leading to annual savings of around Rs. 294.34 Crore to the patients.

NPPA has also fixed retail price of 28 Anti-Cancer formulations as on 28.11.2024 that are applicable to the applicant manufacturing and marketing company.

Further, NPPA vide order S.O. 1041 (E) dated 27th February, 2019 put a cap of 30% Trade Margin on 42 selected non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines under 'Trade Margin Rationalization' approach. By this approach, the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of 526 brands of these medicines were reduced by up to 90%. This resulted in annual savings of around Rs. 984 Crore to the patients.

Also, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance has reduced the Customs Duty to Nil and GST rates from 12% to 5% for the three anti-cancer drugs namely, Trastuzumab Deruxtecan, Osimertinib, and Durvalumab vide Notification 30/2024 dated 23.07.2024 (Sr. No III (iv)) and Notification no. 05/2024 dated 08.10.2024 respectively. Accordingly, OM dated 28.10.2024 has been issued by NPPA

directing companies to reduce MRP on account of reduction in GST rates and exemption from Custom Duties to pass on the benefit of reduced taxes and duties to consumers.

As per the Para 20 of DPCO, 2013, NPPA also monitors the MRPs of all the non-scheduled formulations including anti-cancer formulations so as to ensure that no manufacturer increases the MRP of a drug by more than 10% of the MRP during the preceding 12 months. Instances of overcharging are dealt with by NPPA under the relevant provisions of DPCO, 2013.

All price notifications for the formulations of which prices have been fixed by NPPA are available on NPPA web-site www.nppaindia.nic.in.

Further, treatment for cancer is also provided under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). Under AB PM-JAY, cancer-related treatment is provided under three heads Oncology – Medical, Surgical and Radiation. The number of treatment packages and procedures for treatment of Cancer in the national Health Benefit Package (HBP) is as follows:

Sl. No.	Speciality	No. of packages	No. of procedures
1.	Medical Oncology	76	288
2.	Radiation Oncology	20	53
3.	Surgical Oncology	81	166
4.	Palliative Medicine	42	42

Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT), a novel initiative launched by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare aims to provide affordable medicines for treatment of cancer, cardio vascular and other diseases.

Presently, there are 217 AMRIT Pharmacies spread across 29 States/Union Territories, selling more than 5200 drugs for cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes, stents, implants, surgical disposables, and other consumables, including 289 Oncology drugs at a significant discount of up to 50% on market rates.

As on 15th November 2024, total 559 Lakh patients have benefitted from AMRIT Pharmacies with a savings of Rs. 6,064 Crores thereby reducing their out of pocket expenditure.

Annexure - I

Sl. No.	Regional Cancer Centre	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 *
1.	Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal	-	1	0.80	-
2.	Dr. B.R.A. Indian Rotary Cancer Institute, (AIIMS), New Delhi	178	90	144.04	32.43
3.	Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh	-	24.10	15	-
4.	Sher-I- Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar	31	-	-	-
5.	Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	2	-	-	-
6.	MNJ Institute of Oncology, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	-	-	9.65	-
7.	Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra	101	-	-	-
8.	Acharya Tulsi Regional Cancer Trust & Research Institute (RCC), Bikaner, Rajasthan	3.75	-	-	-

*As on 28.11.2024

(in Rs. Lakh)

Annexure - II

Statement Showing Balance Amount Payable under TCCC Scheme of NP-NCD (erstwhile NPCDCS)										
S No.	State	Name of the Institute	SCI/ TCCC	Amount recommende d by Standing Committee	Central Share	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	(Rs in Crore) Total amount released since 2014-15
1	Assam	Guwahati Medical College & Hospital, Guwahati	SCI	119.9	107.91			15.5675		96.5
2	Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool	SCI	120	72					54
3	Bihar	Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna	SCI	120	72	35.9627				69.0227
4	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences, Bilaspur	SCI	115.2	69.12					51.8377
5	Delhi	Lok Nayak Hospital	TCCC	39.82	39.82		8.8448			38.7148
6	Goa	Goa Medical College, Panaji	TCCC	45	27					20.25
7	Gujarat	Gujarat Cancer Research Institute, Ahmedabad	SCI	120	72		4.5			72
8	Himachal Pradesh	Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla	TCCC	45	40.5			25.63		40.5
9		Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Medical College, Mandi	TCCC	45	40.5					29.6362
10	Haryana	Civil Hospital, Ambala Cantt	TCCC	45	27		6.75			27
11	Jammu & Kashmir	Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar	SCI	120	108	27.00				74.25
12		Government Medical College, Jammu	SCI	104	93.6					70.2028
13	Jharkhand	Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi	SCI	51	30.6					22.95

14	Karnataka	Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (RCC), Bengaluru	SCI	120	72				67.5
15		Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya	TCCC	45	27				17.257
16	Kerala	Government Medical College, Kozhikode	TCCC	44.5	26.7		1.67		26.7
17		Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram	SCI	102.35	61.41		14.453		61.41
18	Mizoram	Civil Hospital, Aizawl	TCCC	44.27	39.843		15.203		39.843
19	Maharashtra	Rashtrasant Tukdoji Regional Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Nagpur	TCCC	44.991	26.9946			6.8186	26.9946
20		Government Medical College, Aurangabad	SCI	96.7	58.02		14.505		58.02
21		Vivekanand Foundation & Research Centre, Latur	TCCC	45	27			6.7415	27
22	Madhya Pradesh	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Medical College, Jabalpur	SCI	120	72				54.001
23		G.R. Medical College, Gwalior	TCCC	42	25.2				18.9
24	Nagaland	District Hospital, Kohima	TCCC	43.5	39.15		19.4		32.63
25	Odisha	Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer Centre, Cuttack	SCI	79.62	47.772		11.943		47.772
26	Punjab	Government Medical College, Amritsar	SCI	114.61	68.766			4.2965	55.8765
27		Civil Hospital, Fazilka	TCCC	44.71	26.826				20.119
28	Rajasthan	S P Medical College, Bikaner	TCCC	45	27		9.877		27
29		SMS Medical College, Jaipur	SCI	119.25	71.55	16.9819			61.7896
30		Jhalawar Medical College & Hospital, Jhalawar	TCCC	43.9	26.34				19.755
31	Tamil Nadu	Cancer Institute (RCC), Adyar, Chennai	SCI	120	72	4.62			72
32	Telangana	MNJ Institute of Oncology & RCC, Hyderabad	SCI	112.7	67.62	22.3515		16.9051	67.62
33	Tripura	Cancer Hospital (RCC), Agartala	SCI	81.5	73.35	18.35			73.35

34	Sikkim	Multispecialty Hospital at Sochygang (Sichey), near Gangtok, Sikkim	TCCC	42.99	38.691	4.371				38.691
35	Uttarakhand	Government Medical College, Haldwani	SCI	103.6565	93.29085					69.967
36	Uttar Pradesh	Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow	TCCC	45	27	7.245	3.5157	3.2343		25.425
37	West Bengal	Government Medical College, Burdwan	TCCC	39.54	23.724					22.24
38		Murshidabad Medical College & Hospital, Berhampore, Murshidabad	TCCC	32.15	19.29					10.9843
39		Sagore Dutta Memorial Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata	TCCC	45	27			6.75		27
Total (TCCC/SCI)				2907.8575	1985.58745	136.8821	108.9915	66.4119	21.2016	1736.7092
