

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2520
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th DECEMBER, 2024**

SETTING UP OF CANCER INSTITUTE IN PUDUCHERRY

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

- (a) the number of regional cancer centres established in South India;
- (b) whether Government will consider for setting up of a regional cancer centre in Puducherry considering the heavy flow of such patients to Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) which finds it over loaded and also it will cater to the needs of the adjoining areas of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether, like diabetes, obesity and heart diseases, cancer disease has become more wide spread in the country; and
- (d) whether it would be considered as a special case on a priority basis?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) As per the information provided by States/Union Territories, list of regional cancer centres established in South India is placed at **Annexure-I**.

Further, the Central Government implements the Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centres Facilities Scheme in order to enhance the facilities for cancer care at tertiary level. Under the scheme, support is provided to States/UTs for setting up of State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and Tertiary Cancer Care Centers (TCCCs) in different parts of the country. Till date 39 institutions (19 SCI and 20 TCCC) have been approved. In South India, seven institutions (5 SCIs and 2 TCCCs) are approved under the scheme (**Annexure-II**). In Puducherry, Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER) is Regional Cancer Centre.

As per Indian Council of Medical Research -National Cancer Registry Programme (ICMR-NCRP), incidence of cancer cases in India is 14.96 lakhs in 2023.

In order to prevent and control major NCDs, the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Disease (NP-NCD) was launched by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in 2010 with focus on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion, early diagnosis, management and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs). Under the programme, 770 District NCD Clinics, 372 District Day Care Centres and 6410 Community Health Centre have been set up.

As per National NCD Portal as on 11th December 2024, out of eligible population of 51.34 crore individuals aged 30 years and above, 26.15 crore have been screened for oral cancer. Out of an eligible population of females aged 30 years and above, 14.34 crore have been screened for breast cancer and 8.89 crore have been screened for cervical cancer.

National Free Drugs Service initiative and Free diagnostic Service has been rolled out under NHM to ensure availability of essential drugs and diagnostic facilities and reduce out of pocket expenditure of the patients visiting public health facilities.

Regional cancer Centres in South India	
Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Cancer Centre, Thanjavur • Regional Cancer Centre, Coimbatore • Regional Cancer Centre ,Tiunelveli
Puducherry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER),Puducherry
Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thiruvananthapuram Regional Cancer Centre • Cochin Cancer Research Centre • Malabar Cancer Centre Thalassery, Kannur
Telangana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNJ Institute of Oncology Regional Cancer Centre, Hyderabad
Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (RCC), Bengaluru
Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre at Visakhapatnam

SCIs/TCCCs in South India under Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centres Facilities Scheme			
S.No.	Name of State	Name of Institute	Type of Institute
1	Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool	SCI
2	Karnataka	Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (RCC), Bengaluru	SCI
		Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya	TCCC
3	Kerala	Government Medical College, Kozhikode	TCCC
		Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram	SCI
4	Tamil Nadu	Cancer Institute (RCC), Adyar, Chennai	SCI
5	Telangana	MNJ Institute of Oncology & RCC, Hyderabad	SCI