

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1392
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11THMARCH, 2025**

ACCESS TO CANCER TREATMENT FACILITIES

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to enhance early detection and prevention of breast, oral, and cervical cancers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) has had an impact on improving access to cancer treatment, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to ensure that cancer patients in rural and underserved areas have access to advanced treatment facilities; and
- (d) whether there are any plans to establish new State Cancer Institutes and Tertiary Cancer Care Centers (TCCCs) in regions with a high cancer burden, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) 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). Under NP-NCD, 770 District NCD Clinics, 372 District Day Care Centres and 6410 Community Health Centre NCD Clinics have been set up.

A population-based initiative for screening, management and prevention of common NCDs including cancer have been rolled out as a part of comprehensive Primary Health Care in the country under National Health Mission (NHM) through Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. Screening of these common NCDs including oral, breast and cervical cancer is an integral part of 12 package of service delivery.

Treatment of major NCDs including cancer are available under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY). This scheme provides for Rs. 5 lakh per family annually for secondary and tertiary care, benefiting 55 crore people (12.37 crore families, bottom 40% of the population). Recently, PM-JAY extended health coverage to all senior citizens aged 70+, regardless of income. In AB PM-JAY, cancer related treatment is provided under more than 200

packages having more than 500 procedures of Medical Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Radiation Oncology and Palliative medicine in the national Health Benefit Package (HBP) master.

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Scheme launched to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices. As on 28.02.2025, a total of 15,057 PMBJKs have been opened in the country. Under PMBJP, 2047 types of medicines and 300 surgical devices have been brought under the scheme basket products covering all major therapeutic groups, out of which 87 products are available for the treatment of cancer.

Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) provides affordable medicine. As on 31.01.2025 there are 222 AMRIT Pharmacies spread across 29 States/Union Territories, selling more than 6500 drugs including cancer at a significant discounts upto 50% on market rates.

To enhance the facilities for tertiary care of cancer, the Central Government is implementing 'Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Facilities' Scheme under the NP-NCD. As per the approval of the Union Cabinet, 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Cancer Care Centres (TCCCs) have been approved so far. The implementation of the Scheme is upto 31.03.2026.
