

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3454  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2025**

**DAY CARE CANCER CENTRES**

**3454# SMT. DARSHANA SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up Day Care Cancer Centres in all the district hospitals across the country;
- (b) the type of treatments available in such centres; and
- (c) whether these centres will provide completely free treatment?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): As per the announcement of Union Budget 2025-26, the government plans to set up Day Care Cancer Centres (DCCCs) in district hospitals in the next 3 years, out of which 200 centres are proposed to be set up in 2025-26.

A comprehensive gap analysis has been undertaken to assess the availability of cancer care infrastructure, medical personnel, and essential equipment in district hospitals. Based on the findings, the Ministry, in consultation with State Governments, plans to establish 200 Day Care Cancer Centers (DCCCs) in districts with a high cancer burden and limited access to cancer care services. The selection of these districts will ensure robust referral linkages with State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and Tertiary Cancer Care Centers (TCCCs) to provide a seamless continuum of care. Currently, 19 SCIs and 20 TCCCs have been established across the country to deliver advanced cancer care services.

A hub-and-spoke service delivery model envisages linking of DCCCs with State Cancer Institutes and Tertiary Cancer Care Centres, through standardized treatment protocols and a robust referral system for critical cases. These centers aim to provide follow-up chemotherapy for patients referred by tertiary care centres. Treatment in government hospitals is either free or highly subsidized.

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