

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2670
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2025**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE IN HIMANCHAL
PRADESH**

2670 DR. SIKANDER KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal for establishment of cancer research centre to strengthen the state's healthcare sector in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and their current operational status;
- (c) whether there are proper facilities in health centres to detect cancer at early stage in Himachal Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the measures taken to provide affordable treatment with adequate facilities in Himachal Pradesh?

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India is implementing the Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centres Facilities scheme. Under this initiative, financial assistance is provided as a one-time grant of up to ₹120 crore for State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and up to ₹45 crore for Tertiary Cancer Care Centres (TCCCs), including the State share. As of now, 19 SCIs and 20 TCCCs have been approved across the country. These institutions serve as critical hubs for advanced cancer care, diagnosis, research, and capacity building and are equipped with specialized infrastructure and expert manpower. TCCCs and SCIs play a pivotal role in delivering high-quality care and strengthening the public health infrastructure. Under the scheme Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Medical College, Mandi (TCCCs) are approved in Himachal Pradesh.

(c) & (d): The National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Disease (NP-NCD) focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion, early diagnosis, management and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facilities. Under the Programme, 12 District NCD Clinics, 108 Community Health Center NCD Clinics and 12 District Cancer Care Centres have been setup in Himachal Pradesh. As per the announcement of Union Budget 2025-26, more than 200 Day Care Cancer Centres (DCCCs) have been approved for establishment across the country. This initiative aims to strengthen decentralized cancer care by aligning infrastructure development with patient needs. 18 DCCCs have been approved for the State of Himachal Pradesh.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs including cancer has been rolled out in the country under National Health Mission (NHM) as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for their screening.

National Free Drugs Initiative and Free Diagnostic Services ensure essential medicines and diagnostics at public health facilities, reducing out-of-pocket expenses.

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. Recently, PM-JAY extended health coverage to all senior citizens aged 70+, regardless of income.

Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) provides affordable medicines for treatment of various diseases including cancer. Under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices for cancer treatment.
