

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3017  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025**

**ACTION PLAN FOR CANCER SCREENING CENTRES IN RURAL AREAS**

**3017 DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any update on the status of the action plan for cancer screening centres in all rural areas, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of cancer screening centres operational in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government has advised the State Governments to ensure effective training of medical professionals, including doctors, Auxiliary Nurse and Midwives (ANMs) and Common Health Officers (CHOs) in holding cancer screening in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India implements the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) in all States/UTs since 2010 with an aim to prevent and control major NCDs (Hypertension, Diabetes, Cardiovascular disease, Cancer, Stroke, Chronic kidney disease, COPD/ Asthma, Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease, etc). The focus of the Programme is on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion, early diagnosis, management and referral. The details of infrastructure set up at district and Community Health Centre levels under NP-NCD are as below:

S. No.	Type of facility	Cumulative no. of facilities established		
		As on 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2023	As on 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2024	As on 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2025
1	State NCD Cell	36	36	36
2	District NCD Division	708	731	753
3	District NCD Clinics	724	753	770
4	Cardiac Care Units (CCU)	210	222	233
5	District Day Care Centers	326	356	364
6	CHC NCD Clinics	6110	6238	6410

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs including three common cancers has been rolled out in the country under NHM and also as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for their screening for the common NCDs i.e. Diabetes, Hypertension and three common cancers i.e oral, breast and cervical. Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Arogya Mandir and other health facilities.

As of 15th July 2025, India has operationalized 1,78,154 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM). The list of State/UT-wise number of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs operationalized is attached at **Annexure.**

(c) & (d): The Government of India provides technical and financial support to States/UTs for human resource development including training to health care professionals based on their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) for better implementation of program.

A total of 14,04,819 primary health care providers including Medical Officers, Community Health Officers (CHO), Staff Nurses, Multi Purpose Workers (MPW) and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) are trained as on 10th May 2024 for enhancing their skills on screening of common NCDs, raising awareness, promoting healthy lifestyles, and referrals for early detection and screening initiatives.

State/UT-wise number of AAMs operationalized across the country as on 15.07.2025:

<b>S.N o.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Total no. of operational AAM</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	129
2	Andhra Pradesh	11862
3	Arunachal Pradesh	491
4	Assam	4961
5	Bihar	10335
6	Chandigarh	60
7	Chhattisgarh	5887
8	Delhi	63
9	DNH&DD	95
10	Goa	302
11	Gujarat	10657
12	Haryana	3263
13	Himachal Pradesh	2651
14	Jammu & Kashmir	3142
15	Jharkhand	4122
16	Karnataka	10116
17	Kerala	7105
18	Ladakh	321
19	Lakshadweep	13
20	Madhya Pradesh	12346
21	Maharashtra	12546
22	Manipur	420
23	Meghalaya	617
24	Mizoram	412
25	Nagaland	470
26	Odisha	7360
27	Puducherry	127
28	Punjab	3128
29	Rajasthan	11539
30	Sikkim	184
31	Tamil Nadu	8454
32	Telangana	5052
33	Tripura	1134
34	Uttar Pradesh	22999
35	Uttarakhand	2358
36	West Bengal	13433
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,78,154</b>