

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1038
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2017**

ESTABLISHING NATIONAL FUNDS FOR CANCER AND HEART PATIENTS

**1038. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish a national fund to bear the expenses of the patients suffering from cancer and heart disease especially for those living below the poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) to (c): Yes, the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi has been set up for providing for financial assistance to patients, living below poverty line who are suffering from major life threatening diseases, to receive medical treatment at any of the super specialty Govt. hospitals / institutes or other Govt. hospitals. The financial assistance to such patients is released as a one time grant, to the Medical Superintendent of the hospital in which the patient is receiving treatment. Financial powers have been delegated to the Medical Superintendents/Directors of some selected hospitals/institutes to sanction financial assistance up to Rs. 2,00,000/- in each eligible case reporting for treatment in their respective Hospital/Institute and upto Rs. 5,00,000/- in emergency cases. The hospitals refer the cases to RAN Headquarters, where the amount of treatment exceeds Rs.2.00 lakh.

“Health Minister’s Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF) within the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN)” has also been set up in 2009 to provide financial assistance up to Rs. 2,00,000/- to eligible cancer patients taking treatment in 27 Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs). Individual cases, which require assistance of more than Rs. 2.00 lakh are to be sent to the RAN Headquarters for processing.