

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1185
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2018**

MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR INCURABLE DISEASES

1185. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

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

- (a) whether the number of patients suffering from incurable diseases is increasing in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to enhance the medical facilities being provided to these patients, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the medical facilities all over the country and the details of the amount allocated for this purpose, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (c): As per the definition, "Incurable diseases" are those diseases which are not amenable to cure and after treatment do not return to pre-illness status. Most of the cancerous conditions and chronic illness (NCDs) can be deemed as incurable though can be managed and controlled. WHO among infectious diseases classifies HIV infection, Hepatitis B, Rabies and progressive Neurological diseases etc. as incurable diseases.

As far as various cancerous conditions are concerned, as per the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the number of new cancer patients in the country is estimated to be 13.3 lakh, 13.9 lakh and 14.5 lakh for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively.

The results available from 15 States/UTs of an ongoing ICMR India Diabetes (ICMR-InDAB) Study on the prevalence of diabetes indicate overall prevalence of Diabetes varying from 4% to 13 %.

According to the Report of National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health, there were 380 lakh cases of Cardiovascular Diseases (CVDs) in the year 2005 and these were estimated to rise to 641 lakh cases in the year 2015.

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As per National Family Health Survey-4, about 8.8% women and 13.4% men in the age group of 15-49 years were estimated to be having higher than normal Blood pressure.

While public health and hospitals is a state subject, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments to provide health care including for tertiary level health care for NCDs. The Government of India is implementing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) for interventions up to District level under the National Health Mission. It has focus on awareness generation, screening and early diagnosis of persons with high level of risk factors and their treatment and referral (if required) higher facilities for appropriate management, development of Human Resource and setting up of infrastructure such as NCD clinics for Non-communicable Diseases. The Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme has been rolled out that provides for free dialysis services to poor patients.

Government of India is implementing population level screening for diabetes, hypertension & common cancers vis oral, breast and cervix under which Operational Guidelines have been shared with State Governments with the request to submit their proposal in their State specific Programme Implementation Plans (PIP) under NHM.

The Central Government, through its hospitals, augments the efforts of the State Governments for providing health services in the country. Under PMSSY, 6 new AIIMS have been made operational. Upgradation of identified Government medical colleges/institutions, for higher specialty facilities has been undertaken.

Under Tertiary Care Cancer Centre (TCCC) Scheme, Government of India is assisting States to set up / establish State Cancer Institute (SCI) and TCCCs in different parts of the country. Funds to the tune of Rs.351.9 crores, Rs.126.5 crores, Rs.277. crores and Rs.179.3 crores were released during the year 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (till date respectively).

AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment) stores are being set up by M/s HLL Life Care Limited, a CPSE, where essential lifesaving medicines for Cancer and CVDs are being provided a a substantial discount vis-à-vis the Maximum Retail Price.

Under National Health Mission, up to district level interventions, the States are being supported to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care. An amount of Rs.163.96 crores has been released to states under NCD flexi pool.

There is no separate budget head for management of incurable diseases.

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