

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6184
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018

DEATH OF EMPLOYEES DUE TO CANCER

6184. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether deaths of employees working in Atomic Energy projects are mostly due to cancer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the average number of cancer patients working in atomic plants is higher compared to the average number of cancer patients working in other plants across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)&(b) No, Sir. An Epidemiological survey was conducted in the year 2012 by Tata Memorial Centre Mumbai in collaboration with Grant Medical College Mumbai (For Tarapur Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited [NPCIL] site), Surat Medical College (Kakrapara NPCIL site), Kasturba Medical College Manipal (for Kaiga NPCIL site), JN Medical college AMU, Aligarh (For Narora NPCIL site), Kota Medical College (For Kota NPCIL site) for the NPCIL employees and their dependants to assess the prevalence of lifestyle related factors and to understand the morbidity and mortality burden of the disease like Cancer, Cardiovascular diseases, Birth defects for employees and their family members working in the NPCIL sites.

As per the survey report the death rate was reported as 2.7, 5, 4.4, 7.0 and 2.9 per 1000 for the year respectively from Tarapur, Narora, Kakrapara, Kaiga and Kota NPCIL sites. The death rates reported are low as compared to national death rate.

(c)&(d) No. Sir. As per the population based cancer registry, the cancer incidence rates are low compared to incidence rates observed by other cancer registries in India.
