

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2031  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

**INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CANCER PATIENT AT AIIMS**

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

- (a) whether the number of cancer patients is going up day by day in the country whereas the infrastructure is not sufficient to meet the challenges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether as per a recent review, the cancer centre at AIIMS is crumbling under the load of patients as their numbers have grown without any improvement in infrastructure;
- (d) if so, the details of the review along with the waiting time for various procedures for cancer patients in AIIMS, separately; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ being taken by the Government to overcome the situation and provide better facility for cancer patients in AIIMS?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (e): As per the Indian Council of Medical Research Cancer Registry report “Three-year Report of Population Based Cancer Registries:2012-2014, Bengaluru, 2016”, all sites showed an increase in Age Adjusted Incidence Rate (AAR) for cancer over time with annual percentage change varying between 0.39% (in Bengaluru) to 0.93% (in Chennai) for males while 0.38% (in Bengaluru) to 0.68% (in Bhopal) for females.

Cancer is a multifactorial disease, the risk factors of which, interalia, include ageing population, sedentary life styles, use of tobacco products, unhealthy diet and air pollution.

The cancer patients are increasing in both outdoor and indoor category at AIIMS, Delhi. The Institute has placed its available resources to meet the requirement of patients. However due to heavy patient load, there is waiting period ranging from 0-7 months in different Departments of the Cancer Hospital at AIIMS, Delhi.

Health is a State subject. However, in order to augment the resources to cater to the increasing load of cancer patients, National Cancer Institute (NCI) at Jhajjar is approved under AIIMS, Delhi with a capacity of 710 beds, 25 Operation Theatres, day care facility, state-of-the-art equipment etc. The Out Patient Department at NCI has started trial operations from 18<sup>th</sup> December , 2018. Central Government is also setting up new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and many institutions are being upgraded under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY). Under the Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer facilities scheme under NPCDCS, financial assistance is provided for setting up of State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) in different parts of the country.