

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.93
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH FEBRUARY, 2019
REGIONAL CANCER CENTRE**

***93. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:**

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

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal to convert the Regional Cancer Centre (RCC), Thiruvananthapuram into a National Cancer Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is willing to take steps to convert the said RCC into a National Cancer Centre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (e): There is no proposal, presently to consider Regional Cancer Centre (RCC), Thiruvananthapuram, as a National Cancer Centre. However, RCC Thiruvananthapuram has been approved as a State Cancer Institute (SCI) under Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer facilities scheme under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) and Rs. 46.96 crore released to the State Government during 2016-17 as 1st installment of Central share.

SCIs are envisaged as apex institutions in the State for cancer related activities and expected to mentor and coordinate the activities of other Institutes in the State dealing with the tertiary care for cancer. SCI will provide outreach services, diagnosis and referral treatments, undertake research, participate in cancer registry programme and enhance the manpower capacity in the State in the field of cancer care.
