

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1196
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JUNE, 2019**

MOU ON CANCER RESEARCH INITIATIVE

1196. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and U.K. on Cancer Research Initiative and if so, the details thereof along with its outcome as on date;
- (b) the details of identification of a core set of research challenges that address issues of affordability, prevention and care of cancer;
- (c) the details of the total research funding for the initiative along with details of outcome as on date;
- (d) whether the Government hospitals are ill equipped to meet the massive burden of escalating cancer care costs, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is likely to focus on low cost approaches to cancer treatment and if so, the details thereof

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): No.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): Govt. has augmented facilities to meet the burden of escalating cancer care costs, with the following steps:

- I. Cancer prevention, screening and early detection upto district level under National Health Mission (NHM).
- II. Setting up State Cancer Institutes and Tertiary Care Cancer Centers across the country.
- III. Oncology focus in new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences and upgraded institutions under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY)
- IV. A new National Cancer Institute at Jhajjar, Haryana.
- V. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) Deendayal outlets have been opened at 159 Institutions/Hospitals to make available medicines and transplants at discounted price.