

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3985  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**POPULATION BASED CANCER REGISTRY PROGRAMME**

**3985. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:**

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to designate cancer as a “notifiable” disease;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total population covered by the Population based Cancer Registry Programme, State/UT-wise, especially in Rajasthan; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to take measures to expand the scope of the Population-Based Cancer Registry (PBCR) and ensure conducting more rural-based PBCRs to get accurate information about the incidence and types of cancer across the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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(a) and (b):

1. A notifiable disease is any disease that is required by law to be reported to government authorities. The World Health Organization’s International Health Regulations consider infectious diseases to be included in order to help with its global surveillance and advisory role. Making a disease legally notifiable by doctors and health professionals allows for intervention to control the spread of infectious diseases. Cancer is a type of noncommunicable disease and not an infectious disease.

2. However, the National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) with its network of cancer registries provides the data on cancer incidence, mortality, pattern, trend and geo-pathological distribution of cancers. It also helps to formulate and implement policies and programmes, monitor and evaluate the cancer control activities.

(c) The list of 38 Population Based Cancer Registries Facilities is attached at Annexure 1.

(d)

1. The National Cancer Registry Programme coverage in India is 16.4%.

2. There are 38 Population Based Cancer Registries (PBCRs), of which 35 PBCRs’ are located in 20 states, and 3 PBCRs are in three UTs.

3. To expand the network, Indian Council of Medical Research - National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research (ICMR-NCDIR) have signed MoUs for three years with the Government of Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh to set up cancer atlases in the states.

4. There are 215 Hospital Based Cancer Registries (HBCRs) across the country.

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**Table: List of 38 PBCR Facilities State/UTs wise**

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>PBCR Facilities</b>  | <b>States/UTs</b> |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.            | Ahmedabad Rural         | Gujarat           |
| 2.            | Ahmedabad Urban         |                   |
| 3.            | Aligarh Urban           | Uttar Pradesh     |
| 4.            | Gautam Buddha Nagar     |                   |
| 5.            | Allahabad               |                   |
| 6.            | Aurangabad              | Maharashtra       |
| 7.            | Nagpur Rural            |                   |
| 8.            | Wardha District         |                   |
| 9.            | Pune                    |                   |
| 10.           | Nagpur                  |                   |
| 11.           | Mumbai                  |                   |
| 12.           | Barshi Rural            |                   |
| 13.           | Bangalore               | Karnataka         |
| 14.           | Osmanabad & Beed        | Telangana         |
| 15.           | Hyderabad District      |                   |
| 16.           | Bhopal                  | Madhya Pradesh    |
| 17.           | Cachar District         | Assam             |
| 18.           | Karimganj               |                   |
| 19.           | Kamrup district         |                   |
| 20.           | Dibrugarh - Upper Assam |                   |
| 21.           | Chennai                 | Tamil Nadu        |
| 22.           | Delhi                   | Delhi             |
| 23.           | Kashmir Province        | Jammu and Kashmir |
| 24.           | Kolkata                 | West Bengal       |
| 25.           | Kollam District         | Kerala            |
| 26.           | Thiruvananthapuram      |                   |
| 27.           | Malabar                 |                   |
| 28.           | Manipur State           | Manipur           |
| 29.           | Meghalaya               | Meghalaya         |
| 30.           | Mizoram State           | Mizoram           |
| 31.           | Nagaland                | Nagaland          |
| 32.           | West Arunachal          | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 33.           | Pasighat                |                   |
| 34.           | Patiala District        | Punjab            |
| 35.           | Patna                   | Bihar             |
| 36.           | Sikkim State            | Sikkim            |
| 37.           | Tripura State           | Tripura           |
| 38.           | Rishikesh-Haridwar      | Uttarakhand       |