

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4983
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST March, 2023**

CANCER CARE FACILITIES

4983. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by patients in absence of adequate facilities for cancer treatment in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the initiative being taken to address the said problems;
- (c) whether any proposal from the State for providing cancer scanning machines for early diagnosis of cancer has been received;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to extend financial assistance to the State Government of Bihar for the said purpose; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (f): Cancer is diagnosed and treated at various levels in the health care facilities. The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy.

Action taken by Government in respect of affordable healthcare for Cancer:

1. The Central Government implements Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centres Facilities Scheme in order to enhance the facilities for tertiary care of cancer. 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Cancer Care Centres (TCCCs) have been approved under the said scheme. Indira Gandhi Institute Medical Sciences, Patna was approved as SCI and is fully functional.
2. There is also focus on Oncology in its various aspects in case of new AIIMS and many Institutions approved for upgradation under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY). AIIMS at Patna is fully functional for cancer services.

3. Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Muzaffarpur is providing Cancer Screening services in all 38 districts.

The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs to implement the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) under NHM. The programme includes the following,

- i. Strengthening infrastructure
- ii. Human resource development
- iii. Health promotion
- iv. Screening of 30 years and above population under Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre
- v. Early diagnosis and management
- vi. Referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility

Financial assistance is provided to States/UTs in the ratio of 60:40 (Centre share: State Share). In addition, NPCDCS gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation (IEC) activities for NCDs including cancer to be taken up by the States/UTs as per their Annual Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Under NPCDCS, 38 District NCD Clinics, 6 District Cardiac Care Units, and 210 Community Health Center NCD Clinics has been set up in Bihar.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) i.e., diabetes, hypertension and common cancers has been rolled out in the country under NHM and also as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for their screening for common NCDs including cancer. Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres.
