

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 187  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**CENTRES FOR EARLY DETECTION OF LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES**

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up specialised screening centres for early detection of life-threatening diseases such as cancer in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the present number of such fully functional screening centres in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has plan(s) to implement any special measures to ensure early/ timely diagnosis of life-threatening diseases in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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(a) to (d): Population based prevention, screening and management initiative for NCDs including common cancers viz. oral, breast and cervical cancer is implemented in Ayushman Arogya Mandir as a part of comprehensive primary health care under National Health Mission (NHM). A total of 1,63,273 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are operational across the country. The details of operational status of Ayushman Arogya Mandir States/UTs wise are attached at Annexure 1. A total of 18.46 Cr for oral cancer, 8.88 Cr for breast cancer and 4.96 Cr for cervical cancer are screened. The screened positive patients are referred to CHC NCD clinics and / or District Hospital NCD Clinics to get diagnosed and referred to appropriate facility for treatment. A total of 753 District NCD Clinics and 6237 Community Health Center NCD Clinics has been set up so far.

To generate awareness for Cancer prevention & treatment following actions have been initiated:-

1. Preventive aspect of Cancer is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Arogya Mandir Scheme, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level.
2. Public awareness creation through print, electronic and social media about promotion of healthy lifestyle including observation of National Cancer Awareness Day, World Cancer Day.
3. Healthy Eating is promoted through Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
4. Fit India movement is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
5. Various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH.

Action taken by Government in respect of infrastructure are:

1. The Central Government implements Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer Facilities Scheme. 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) have been approved under the said scheme.
2. National Cancer Institute at Jhajjar (Haryana) and second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata have also been setup.
3. All new AIIMS and 13 upgraded existing Government Medical Colleges/Institutions under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY) also focus on treatment of cancer.

To facilitate accessible and affordable healthcare and treatment, the following steps have been taken:-

1. Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary or tertiary care hospitalization to 12 Crore beneficiary families is provided. The Health Benefit Package (HBP) 2022 provides treatment corresponding to a total of 1,121 treatment packages comprising of 1,949 procedures across 27 different specialties for NCDs. 549 procedures are related to cancer. As of 7th December 2023, a total of 35.07 lakh hospital admissions amounting to Rs 6572.25 Crores have been authorized through a network of 1980 hospitals.
2. Financial assistance is provided to poor patients belonging to families living below poverty line, suffering from major life-threatening diseases including cancer under Umbrella scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG). Financial assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 1,25,000/- is provided under HMDG to defray a part of the treatment cost and the maximum financial assistance provided under the Umbrella Scheme of RAN is Rs. 15 lakhs.
3. Quality generic medicines are made available at affordable prices to all, under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in collaboration with the State Governments. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) Pharmacy stores have been set up in some hospitals/institutions, to make available Cancer drugs at a substantial discount vis-à-vis the Maximum Retail Price.

Ayushman Arogya Mandir operational as on 11.12.23 (Source: Ayushman Arogya Mandir portal)		
SN	STATE	TOTAL
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	129
2	Andhra Pradesh	11847
3	Arunachal Pradesh	435
4	Assam	4480
5	Bihar	10315
6	Chandigarh	49
7	Chhattisgarh	5786
8	DNH&DD	93
9	Goa	273
10	Gujarat	10043
11	Haryana	2723
12	Himachal Pradesh	1875
13	Jammu & Kashmir	2990
14	Jharkhand	2612
15	Karnataka	9854
16	Kerala	6324
17	Ladakh	321
18	Lakshadweep	13
19	Madhya Pradesh	11364
20	Maharashtra	11007
21	Manipur	406
22	Meghalaya	495
23	Mizoram	387
24	Nagaland	394
25	Odisha	6645
26	Puducherry	127
27	Punjab	2984
28	Rajasthan	9898
29	Sikkim	184
30	Tamil Nadu	8245
31	Telangana	5248
32	Tripura	1094
33	Uttar Pradesh	21970
34	Uttarakhand	2023
35	West Bengal	10640
<b>Total</b>		<b>163273</b>
UT Delhi is not implementing the scheme		