

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 961  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**CANCER DUE TO AIR POLLUTION**

**961. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:**

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

- (a) whether the number of patients suffering from cancer like diseases has increased due to pollution, particularly in Delhi and NCR area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (c): Cancer is a multifactorial disease, the risk factors of which are use of tobacco products, alcohol, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and air pollution.

As per Indian Council of Medical Research, there was no such recent study done by them to conclude that number of patients suffering from cancer like diseases had increased due to air pollution, particularly in Delhi and NCR area.

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