

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2010
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019**

SCREENING CENTRE FOR CRITICAL DISEASES

2010. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up screening centres in 100 districts of the country to diagnose cancer, hypertension and diabetes;
- (b) if so, the name of the districts and States in which the above centres would be set up in the initial phase;
- (c) whether adequate trained persons are available for operation of these centres;
- (d) the name of the authority which will monitor their maintenance or management; and
- (e) the number of district hospitals of the country including West Bengal having adequate arrangements for cancer treatment?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (d): The Government rolled out a Population Level initiative for prevention, control & screening for common non-communicable diseases (NCDs) (Diabetes, Hypertension and common cancers viz. Oral, Breast and Cervical Cancer) in 100 districts of the country during 2017-18 as a part of comprehensive primary health care. Population level screening is now under implementation in 219 districts of the country. State/UT-wise list indicating number of districts in which population based screening is under implementation is at **Annexure**. Under the initiative persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for their screening for common NCDs. Prevention, control & screening services are being provided through trained frontline workers [Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and Auxillary Nurse Midwives (ANM)] and the referral support and continuity of care are through Primary Health Centre (PHC), Community Health Centre (CHC), District Hospitals and other tertiary care institutions. Training on screening for NCDs is provided to health workers at different levels and so far 1,55,084 ASHAs, 37,584 ANM/MPWs, 10,135 Staff nurses and 11,024 Medical officers have been trained. For interventions upto district level, support is provided to States/UTs under the National Health Mission. Monitoring of implementation is done by Nodal Officers for NCDs appointed by the State Governments.

(e): Under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), NCD Clinics are set up at district and Community Health Centre (CHC) levels, for early diagnosis, management and referral to appropriate level institutions for treatment. So far, 3274 NCD Clinics at CHC level and 599 NCD Clinics at district level have been set up, which includes 156 NCD Clinics at CHC level and 27 NCD Clinics at district level in West Bengal. 216 Day Care Centres for chemotherapy have been set up in District Hospitals, which includes 25 Day Care Centres in West Bengal.

To enhance the facilities for tertiary care of cancer, Government of India is implementing 'Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer facilities scheme' to assist States/UTs in setting up of State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) in different parts of the country. So far, 18 SCIs and 20 TCCCs have been approved, which includes 3 TCCCs in West Bengal.

Strengthening of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata and setting up of All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Kalyani in West Bengal have also been approved, which will enhance the tertiary cancer care facilities.

State/UT-wise list indicating number of districts in which population based screening is under implementation

Sl.No.	Names of States/UTs	Number of PBS Districts
1	Bihar	14
2	Chhattisgarh	3
3	Jharkhand	3
4	Madhya Pradesh	11
5	Odisha	7
6	Uttarakhand	9
7	Uttar Pradesh	10
8	Rajasthan	5
9	Andhra Pradesh	3
10	Delhi	1
11	Gujarat	3
12	Haryana	13
13	Himachal Pradesh	12
14	Jammu & Kashmir	6
15	Karnataka	30
16	Kerala	4
17	Maharashtra	4
18	Punjab	22
19	Tamil Nadu	5
20	Telangana	12
21	West Bengal	3
22	Puducherry	1
23	Goa	2
24	Arunachal Pradesh	4
25	Assam	5
26	Manipur	4
27	Meghalaya	2
28	Mizoram	4
29	Nagaland	3
30	Sikkim	4
31	Tripura	2
32	Chandigarh	1
33	Daman and Diu	2
34	Lakshadweep	1
35	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	1
36	Andaman and Nicobar	3
	TOTAL	219