

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 941
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th SEPTEMBER, 2020**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

941. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

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

- (a) the criteria and process fixed for providing financial assistance from Government discretionary funds i.e, the National Health Fund and Cancer Patient Funds to poor patients to enable them to meet medical expenses;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided to the patients and the number of patients benefitted from the said funds separately during the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether any complaints have been received regarding delay in action on applications seeking assistance under the said funds and death of patients due to such delay;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken to expedite the processing of applications and action taken thereon to avoid inordinate delay?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (e): The Government provides financial assistance for treatment of poor patients suffering from life threatening disease undergoing treatment in Government hospitals under the Umbrella Scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN). The scheme has proved beneficial for poor patients in meeting the high cost of treatment of life threatening diseases. Under this scheme, patients belonging to BPL families are eligible for one time grant upto Rs. 15 lakh for treatment in Government hospitals. Government servants are not eligible for assistance under this scheme. Further, reimbursement of expenditure already incurred is not admissible. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is not implementing National Health Fund.

Common application form has been prescribed for submission of request for financial assistance under the RAN scheme. The application is required to be submitted to the treating hospitals along with supporting documents regarding income and ration card and recommended by the treating doctor and Medical Superintendent of the Government hospital concerned. On receipt of applications complete in all respect, financial assistance is approved. No specific complaint has been received regarding death due to delay in taking action on applications for financial assistance.

Assistance under the scheme is released to treating Government hospitals and not to individual patients or State Governments. Hospital-wise details of funds released under HMCPF component of the Umbrella scheme of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi and patients benefitted is at Annexure-1.

In a bid to speed up the assistance to the needy patients, revolving funds have been set up at 18 Government hospitals for RAN component and 28 Regional Cancer Centres/hospitals for HMCPF component. An amount upto Rs. one crore (Rs. two crore in case of AIIMS, New Delhi in case of RAN) is placed at the disposal of hospital with revolving fund. Powers have been delegated to the Medical Superintendents/Directors of the hospitals with revolving funds for providing treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh for eligible patients in each case, out of revolving fund. Only cases involving treatment beyond Rs. 5 lakh in hospitals with revolving fund and all the cases for financial assistance from hospitals not having revolving fund are referred to Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India for approval.

Annexure-I

| S. No. | Name of Hospital | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | |
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| | | Amount (Rs. In Lakhs) | No.of Patients | Amount (Rs. In Lakhs) | No.of Patients | Amount (Rs. In Lakhs) | No.of Patients | Amount (Rs. In Lakhs) | No.of Patients |
| 1 | Cancer Hos.Tripura, Agartala | 50 | - | - | - | 100 | - | - | - |
| 2 | Cancer Hospital & Research centre, Gwalior, M.Pradesh. | 240 | 1447 | 123.67 | 534 | 256 | 313 | 100 | 161 |
| 3 | Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, | 70 | 762 | 90 | 770 | 100 | - | - | - |
| 4 | Civil Hospital, Aizawl, Mizoram | - | - | - | - | 20 | -- | - | - |
| 5 | Dr.B.B.Cancer Institute, Guwahati, Assam. | 65 | 1116 | 20 | 15 | 100 | -- | - | - |
| 6 | AIIMS, New Delhi. | 118.15 | 59 | 255.21 | 123 | 1225 | 268 | 227 | 127 |
| 7 | Kamala Nehru Memo.Hospital, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh. | 25 | - | - | - | 61.40 | 201 | - | - |
| 8 | Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology,Bangalore, Karnataka | 40 | - | - | - | -- | -- | - | - |
| 9 | Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh | - | - | 33.50 | 5 | 25 | 05 | 02 | 01 |
| 10 | Pt. B.D.Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak, Haryana. | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | - | - |
| 11 | Pt.J N M Medical College, Raipur, Chhattisgarh | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | - | - |
| 12 | Puducherry Regional Cancer Society, JIPMER, Puducherry | 20 | 12 | 87.51 | 118 | 40 | -- | - | - |
| 13 | Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram Kerala | 20 | 95 | 81.50 | 86 | 62 | 58 | - | - |

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| 14 | Regional Cancer Control Society, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh | 50 | 388 | 40 | 165 | -- | -- | - | - |
| 15 | Regional Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu | 95 | 51 | 70 | 125 | 34.12 | 07 | 100 | - |
| 16 | RST Hospital & Research Centre, Nagpur, Maharashtra. | - | - | - | - | 20 | -- | - | - |
| 17 | Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences., Lucknow, U.Pradesh | 7 | 1 | - | - | 66 | 03 | - | - |
| 18 | Sher-I Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar. | 15.8 | 3 | 35.35 | 20 | 126.44 | 86 | 105.50 | 08 |
| 19 | Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai, Maharashtra | 50 | - | 35.50 | 3 | 64.50 | 05 | 4.5 | 08 |
| 20 | Arunachal State Hospital, Naharlagun | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | - | - |
| 21 | GMC, Jammu | - | - | 3.00 | 1 | 3 | 01 | - | - |
| 22 | GSMHS, srinagar | - | - | - | - | 12.25 | 05 | - | - |
| 23 | ILBS, Delhi | - | - | - | - | 15.10 | 03 | - | - |
| 24 | MCH, Kolkata | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | - | - |
| 25 | NRSMCH, Kolkata | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | - | - |
| 26 | RML Delhi | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | - | - |
| 27 | Safdarjang Hospital, Delhi | - | - | 5.42 | 1 | | | - | - |
| 28 | GMC, Guwahati | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | - | - |
| 29 | NIMS, Hyderabad | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | - | - |
| 30 | SCTIMST, Tvm. | - | - | - | - | | | - | - |
| 31 | SVIMS, Tirupati | - | - | 32.00 | 11 | 370 | 64 | 32 | 08 |
| 32 | HBCH&RC, Vishakhapatnam | - | - | 28.80 | 6 | 36 | 09 | 09 | 02 |
| 33 | Cancer Hospital, Aurangabad | - | - | 1.50 | 1 | 17.50 | 06 | 05 | 01 |
| 34 | AIIMS, Bhubaneshwar | - | - | 2.00 | 1 | -- | -- | - | - |
| 35 | SSPH, NOIDA, UP | - | - | 3.00 | 1 | 68.50 | 18 | 07 | 02 |

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| 36 | NEIGRIHMS, Shillong | - | - | 2.20 | 1 | -- | -- | - | - |
| 37 | BHU, Varanasi | - | - | 1.50 | 1 | 19.70 | 07 | 02 | 01 |
| 38 | AIIMS, Patna | - | - | - | - | -- | -- | 01.70 | 01 |
| 39 | Acharya Tulsi Cancer Research Institute | -- | -- | -- | -- | 9.5 | 04 | 14.25 | 06 |
| 40 | General Hospital,Ernakulam | - | - | - | - | 02 | 01 | - | - |
| 41 | HomiBhabha ,Varanasi | - | - | - | - | 69 | 29 | - | - |
| 42 | IGIMS Patna | - | - | - | - | 03 | 01 | - | - |
| 43 | KEM,Mumbai | - | - | - | - | 4.50 | 01 | - | - |
| 44 | SafdarjungHospital,New Delhi | - | - | - | - | 36.32 | 08 | - | - |
| 45 | SMGS, Jammu | - | - | - | - | 12 | 04 | - | - |
| 46 | RIMS, Imphal | - | - | - | - | 30 | 00 | - | - |
| | Total | 865.95 | 3934 | 951.66 | 1988 | 3019 | 1107 | 609 | 326 |

Note: Number of patients benefitted is as per the reports received from the hospitals regarding treatment availed by the beneficiaries.

Complete report from all the hospitals for the financial year 2019-20 has not been received and the financial year 2020-21 is underway.