

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3367
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5th AUGUST, 2022**

CANCER CASES IN BULANDSHAHR

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

- (a) whether large number of cancer cases have been reported in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh due to its proximity to atomic power plant of Narora;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to organize cancer pre-screening camps in Bulandshahr;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government to control the rising number of cancer cases in Bulandshahr?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (e): As per the Indian Council of Medical Research's Cancer Registry Data Report on "National Cancer Registry Programme Report, 2020", the estimated number of incidences of cancer cases in Uttar Pradesh is 2,01,319. The radioactive discharges from the Narora Atomic Power Station (NAPS) are regulated by AERB and are within the limits specified by AERB. The limit prescribed by AERB is in line with the recommendations of the International Commission for Radiation Protection (ICRP) and is followed internationally. A total of 17,275 individuals are screened for common cancers i.e., oral cancer, breast cancer and cervical cancer in Bulandshahr of Uttar Pradesh, under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke.

The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, provides technical and financial support to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), as part of National Health Mission (NHM), based on the proposals received from the State and subject to the resource envelope. Cancer is an integral part of NPCDCS. The programme focusses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion & awareness generation for Cancer prevention, early diagnosis, management and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment of the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), including Cancer.

Under the population based screening initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for their screening for the three common cancers i.e oral, breast and cervical. Screening of these common cancers is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres. Also, regular cancer screening camps are organized.

Preventive aspect of Cancer is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Bharat Health Wellness Centre scheme, by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level. Other initiatives for increasing public awareness about Cancer and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of National Cancer Awareness Day& World Cancer Day and use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. Healthy eating is also promoted through FSSAI. Fit India movement is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH. In addition, NPCDCS gives financial support under NHM for awareness generation (IEC) activities for Cancer to be taken by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh as per its Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).