

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1896  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**RISING CASES OF CANCER**

**1896. SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:**

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

- (a) whether the number of cancer patients have increased in Fazilka city in Punjab, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up cancer hospital in Fazilka city;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent cancer in the said area?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a):- Data on City-wise incidence of cancer cases is not maintained centrally, However, as per the Indian Council of Medical Research's Cancer Registry Data on National Cancer Registry Programme(NCRP), the estimated number of incidence of all types of cancer cases for the last five years (2019 to 2023) in Punjab is:-

<b>Estimated Incidence of cancer cases in Punjab- All sites(ICD10: C00-C97) - (2019-2023)</b>					
<b>State</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Punjab</b>	37744	38636	39521	40435	41337

(b) & (c):- 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. Among these, followings 2 SCIs are in Punjab:-

- Government Medical College, Amritsar
- Civil Hospital, Fazilka

(d):- The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD). Three most common types of cancers (oral cancer, breast cancer and cervical cancer) are an integral part of NP-NCD. The programme includes the following,

- i. Strengthening infrastructure
- ii. Human resource development
- iii. Health promotion
- iv. Screening of 30 years and above population at Ayushman Arogya Mandir for common NCDs i.e. diabetes, hypertension and common cancers (oral, breast and cervical)
- v. Early diagnosis and management
- vi. Referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility

Under NP-NCD, 753 District NCD Clinics, 356 District Day Care Centres and 6238 Community Health Center NCD Clinics have been set up.

Awareness Generation for Cancer prevention & treatment has also been focused in following ways:-

(i) Preventive aspect of Cancer is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Arogya Mandir by promoting wellness activities and targeting communication at the community level.

(ii) Other initiatives for increasing public awareness by using print, electronic and social media and for promotion of healthy lifestyle which includes observation of National Cancer Awareness Day, World Cancer Day.

(iii) NP-NCD provides financial support under NHM for awareness generation activities for NCDs including Cancer to be undertaken by the States/UTs as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

(iv) “Healthy Eating” is promoted through “Eat Right India movement” of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). “Fit India movement” is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH.

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