

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1924
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd AUGUST, 2024**

CANCER SCREENING IN RURAL AREAS

1924. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any update on the status of the action plan for cancer screening centres in all rural areas, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of cancer screening centres operational in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has advised the State Governments to ensure effective training of medical professionals, including doctors, Auxiliary Nurse and Midwives (ANMs) and Common Health Officers (CHOs) in holding cancer screening in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India (GoI) implements the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) in all States/UTs since 2010 with an aim to prevent and control major NCDs (Hypertension, Diabetes, Cardiovascular disease, Cancer, Stroke, Chronic kidney disease, COPD/ Asthma, Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease, etc). The focus of the Programme is on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion, early diagnosis, management and referral. Under the National Health Mission's (NHM) component of NP-NCD, 753 NCD clinics at district level, 356 DayCare Centres at district level and 6238 NCD clinics at Community Health Centre (CHC) level have been set up. Awareness for prevention and early detection of NCDs is carried out at all levels through NCD Clinics at Districts and CHC levels.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs including three common cancers has been rolled out in the country under NHM and also as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years

of age are targeted for their screening for the common NCDs i.e. Diabetes, Hypertension and three common cancers i.e oral, breast and cervical. Screening of these common NCDs cancers is an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat – Ayushman Arogya Mandir. As of 29th July 2024, India has operationalized 1,73,827 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM). The list of State/UT-wise number of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs operationalized is attached at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d); The Government of India provide technical and financial support to States/UTs for human resource development including training to health care professionals based on their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) for better implementation of program.

A total of 14,04,819 primary health care providers including Medical Officers, Community Health Officers (CHO), Staff Nurses, Multi Purpose Workers (MPW), and Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) are trained as on 10th May 2024 for enhancing their skills on screening of common NCDs, raising awareness, promoting healthy lifestyles, and referrals for early detection and screening initiatives.

State/UT-wise List of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs Operationalized

S. No	State/UT	Ayushman Arogya Mandirs Operationalized
1	Kerala	6,961
2	DNH&DD	95
3	Telangana	5,039
4	Ladakh	321
5	Andhra Pradesh	11,860
6	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	129
7	Lakshadweep	13
8	Odisha	7,350
9	Gujarat	10,529
10	Mizoram	401
11	Bihar	10,334
12	Puducherry	127
13	Karnataka	9,922
14	West Bengal	13,376
15	Haryana	3,213
16	Punjab	3,134
17	Goa	301
18	Madhya Pradesh	11,804
19	Sikkim	184
20	Uttarakhand	2,186
21	Assam	4,739
22	Arunachal Pradesh	483
23	Chhattisgarh	5,826
24	Jammu & Kashmir	3,104
25	Himachal Pradesh	2,462
26	Tripura	1,128
27	Chandigarh	50
28	Manipur	418
29	Maharashtra	11,684
30	Nagaland	467
31	Tamil Nadu	8,246
32	Uttar Pradesh	22,457
33	Meghalaya	597
34	Rajasthan	11,300
35	Jharkhand	3,587
TOTAL		1,73,827

(Source: AAM Portal as of 29th July 2024)