

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3036
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH AUGUST, 2024**

CANCER SUPER SPECIALITY HOSPITAL ESTABLISHED IN BIHAR

3036. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Cancer Super Speciality Hospital in the flood affected and most backward border areas of Bihar for prevention and treatment of the growing number of Cancer Brain Tumor and Kidney patients, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up a Research Centre for research on pandemic and epidemic prone diseases by collecting the annual data and the number of patients suffering from serious diseases in Supaul, Saharsa, Madhepura, Araria and the border areas of Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): 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). NP-NCD focuses on screening and diagnosis of Non-Communicable Diseases such as Cancer, Diabetes, Hypertension, Stroke, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases (COPD), Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Diseases (NAFLD), Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), etc. NCDs are diagnosed and treated at various levels in the health care facilities.

Under NP-NCD, in the State of Bihar, 38 District NCD Clinics and 256 Community Health Center NCD Clinics have been set up.

The Central Government implements Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centres Facilities Scheme in order to enhance the facilities for tertiary care of cancer. 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Cancer Care Centres (TCCCs) have been approved under the said scheme. In the

State of Bihar, the State Cancer Institute - Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna is providing tertiary care level facilities for cancer patients. Apart from above, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre run by Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), is also functional in District Muzaffarpur, Bihar.

Moreover, AIIMS Patna and Patna Medical College provide cancer-related services, as do all new AIIMS and 13 upgraded existing Government Medical Colleges/Institutions under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) was launched for Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) during year 2016-17 to support in district hospitals in-house mode / Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode under NHM. In the state of Bihar, PMNDP has been implemented in total 38 Districts at 38 centres with 291 hemo-dialysis machines. As on 30th June 2024, a total 6.2 lakh haemodialysis sessions were held.

(b) and (c): The Department of Health Research (DHR), in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has established a network of Virus Research & Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) to provide the diagnosis for detection of viruses of public health significance in India. These laboratories, equipped with modern tools and trained in various diagnostic techniques, play a crucial role in the surveillance and research of pandemic and epidemic-prone diseases. The network comprises 163 labs nationwide, including six VRDLs in Bihar (three in Patna, and one each in Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur, and Darbhanga districts). These six labs serve the entire Bihar state including the border areas, facilitating all types of diagnosis and research on infectious pathogens of public health importance. These VRDLs played a very important role to scale up COVID-19 testing in the state of Bihar in pandemic times.
