

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 365
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH DECEMBER, 2024**

SETTING UP OF CANCER HOSPITAL IN TAMIL NADU

***365. DR. M K VISHNU PRASAD:**

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

- (a) whether there is a need to set up a Central Government hospital in Cuddalore Parliamentary Constituency in the State of Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government is aware of high cases of cancer in and around Cuddalore district, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) The Central Government implements the Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centers Facilities Scheme in order to enhance the facilities for cancer care at tertiary level. Under this scheme, 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Cancer Care Centers (TCCCs) have been approved. 14 SCIs and 18 TCCCs are functional and offering patient care services.

Under the above mentioned Scheme, in Tamil Nadu, State Cancer Institute has been established at Adyar, Chennai. Total financial support of Rs. 120 Crores has been approved which includes Central Share Rs. 72 Crores. Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), one AIIMS has been approved at Madurai. Also, in the vicinity, Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Puducherry is providing high end cancer treatment.

The State Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that Raja Muthaiah Government Medical College and the District Head Quarters Hospital at Cuddalore offers basic investigations for confirmation and staging of common cancers. Further Oncology department at Villupuram Medical College Hospital located at a distance of 50 Km from Cuddalore is equipped with Cobalt Teletherapy unit for cancer treatment.

The Regional Cancer Centre attached to Thanjavur Medical College Hospital which is about 150 Km from Cuddalore, is equipped with high end diagnostics like PET CT and treatment services like LINAC teletherapy and brachytherapy.

The State Government of Tamil Nadu has informed as per the latest data of Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Project (TNCRP)-2019, Cuddalore has a Crude Incidence Rate (CIR) of 90.5 which is lower than the State average with a CIR of 96.6.

The National Health Mission under National Programme on Non-communicable Diseases covers screening, diagnostic and treatment of the three common cancers, namely, oral cancer, breast cancer and cervical cancer. The State Government has informed that they have established screening services for the 3 common cancers namely cervical cancer, breast cancer and oral cancer in all Government Institutions in Cuddalore and rest of Tamil Nadu.
