

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1957
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th DECEMBER, 2024**

INCREASING CANCER AND HEART DISEASES

1957. SHRI RAJEEV RAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there has been a sudden increase in the number of cancer patients and heart attack patients in the country during the last three years, and if so, the details thereof year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any research to ascertain the reasons for such cases;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the special remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government during the last three years to reduce the number of cancer patients and heart attack patients in the country, year-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per the Indian Council of Medical Research's National Cancer Registry Programme (ICMR-NCRP), the estimated number of incidences of cancer cases States and Union Territories wise during last three years is given below;

Estimated incidence of cancer cases (2021-2023) – Both sexes			
Year	2021	2022	2023
Estimated incidence of cancer cases in India	1426447	1461427	1496972

As per the information provided by ICMR, the reasons for increase in number of cancer cases reported is due to access and availability of improved diagnostic techniques for detection of Cancer, increased life expectancy, growing share of geriatric population, higher health consciousness and improved health seeking behaviour. ICMR has also informed that there has been significant increase in the classical risk factors associated with Non - Communicable Diseases {(NCDs) including cancer and cardiovascular diseases}, such as tobacco and alcohol consumption, low physical activities, unhealthy diets, consumption of high salt, sugar and saturated fats, etc.

(d): The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, provides technical and financial support to the States and Union Territories under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) as part of National Health Mission (NHM). The programme focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, early diagnosis, referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment and management and health promotion and awareness generation for prevention, of NCDs including cancer and cardiovascular diseases. Under NP-NCD, 770 District NCD Clinics, 372 District Day Care Centres, 233 Cardiac Care Units and 6410 Community Health Centre NCD Clinics has been set up.

A population-based initiative for screening, management and prevention of common NCDs including cancer and cardiovascular diseases have been rolled out as a part of comprehensive Primary Health Care in the country under National Health Mission (NHM). Screening of these common NCDs is an integral part of service delivery.

Further, initiatives for increasing public awareness about NCDs including cancer and heart diseases and for promotion of healthy lifestyle include observance of National Cancer Awareness day, World Cancer Day, World Hypertension Day and World Heart Day, use of print, electronic and social media for continued community awareness. Financial support under National Health Mission (NHM) for awareness generation activities for NCDs including cancer and heart diseases is provided to States/Union Territories as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

“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.
