

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3188
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2024**

INCREASING CANCER PATIENTS IN PUNJAB

3188. SHRI SUKHJINDER SINGH RANDHAWA:

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

- (a) whether the number of cancer patients is increasing day by day in Punjab and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons therefor;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open a Cancer Institute in the said State and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the number of cancer patients reported during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) : As per the Indian Council of Medical Research's National Cancer Registry Programme (ICMR-NCRP), the estimated number of incidences of cancer cases in Punjab during the last three years(2021-2023) is given below;

Estimated number of cancer cases in Haryana (2021-2023) – Both Sexes*			
Year	2021	2022	2023
Estimated Incidence of All sites of cancer Cases	39521	40435	41337

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has informed that besides 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 have contributed to registration of more number of cancer cases in India.

The Central Government has implemented Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer Facilities Scheme. The scheme provides one time financial assistance up to Rs. 120 crore and Rs.45 crore, including State share for setting up of State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and Tertiary Cancer Care Centres (TCCCs) respectively in different parts of the country. So far, 19 SCIs and 20 TCCCs have been approved which includes SCI at Government Medical College, Amritsar and TCCC at Civil Hospital, Fazilka.
