

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 695
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2025**

CASES OF VARIOUS DISEASES

695. SHRI RADHESHYAM RATHIYA:

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

- (a) whether the cases of various diseases like cancer etc. are spreading rapidly in the State of Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the said health hazards in the country;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to provide free medicines and other health facilities to the helpless and the affected people in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government has issued any instructions/directions to the State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh?

ANSWER

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

(a) The State Government of Chhattisgarh reports an increase in Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), including cancer, diabetes, and heart diseases. As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), prevalence of hypertension and diabetes is 25.7% & 9.9% respectively. National Cancer Registry shows that oral, cervical, lung, and other cancers are prevalent in Chhattisgarh with oral cancer being very common.

(b) to (d) To prevent and control major NCDs, the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) was launched in 2010 with a focus on infrastructure, human resource development, early diagnosis, management, referral, and health promotion. Under NP-NCD, 770 District NCD Clinics, 233 Cardiac Care Units, 372 District Day Care Centres, and 6,410 NCD clinics at CHCs have been set up.

National Health Mission (NHM) provides technical and financial support to States and Union Territories for strengthening infrastructure, human resources, and healthcare accessibility, particularly for underserved groups in rural areas. Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHAs) administer Community Based Assessment Checklist (CBAC) for individuals 30+, referring high-risk cases for screening of oral, breast, and cervical cancer as part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Essential cancer drugs are available at District and Sub-Divisional Hospitals.

Government hospitals provide free or subsidized treatment for major NCDs, including cancer, under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY), which offers ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care to 55 crore beneficiaries. PM-JAY covers 1,961 procedures under 27 specialties, including 200+ cancer treatment packages. Recently, health coverage was extended to all senior citizens (70+).

The Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) scheme operates 14,320 Jan aushadhi Kendras, offering 87 cancer medicines. AMRIT pharmacies (220 nationwide) provide discounted medicines for cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and diabetes. The Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer Facilities Scheme supports 39 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs), including Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences, Bilaspur. The maximum assistance is ₹120 crores for SCI and ₹45 crores for TCCC, with a Centre-State share of 60:40 (90:10 for NE and Hilly States).

Cancer treatment facilities have been approved in all 22 new AIIMS with diagnostic, medical and surgical facilities.

The Initiatives taken by the State Government of Chhattisgarh are as under:

- i. Tobacco control awareness campaigns at the district level.
- ii. Yoga and wellness programs to promote a healthy lifestyle.
- iii. Cancer screening services at PHCs, CHCs, and District Hospitals.
- iv. Insulin provision for children with Type-1 diabetes under Mukhya Mantri Bal Madhumeh Yojana.
- v. 6-8 bedded Day Care Chemotherapy units in all districts.
- vi. Free medication for cancer and NCD patients.
- vii. NHM supports NCD awareness campaigns through print, electronic, and social media, including observance of major NCD awareness days. Ayushman Arogya Mandirs promote wellness activities and community-level communication.

The preventive aspect of NCDs is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, promoting wellness activities and targeted community communication. Public awareness is increased through print, electronic, and social media, including observance of major NCD awareness days. NP-NCD under NHM provides financial support to States and UTs, including Chhattisgarh, for awareness generation activities.

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