

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1349
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

CANCER SCREENING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN ANDHRA PRADESH

1349 SHRI DAGGUMALLA PRASADA RAO:

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

- (a) whether the Government has estimated the cost of screening the eligible population for common cancers in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (formerly Health and Wellness Centres) currently equipped to conduct cancer screening, State and district-wise for Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the availability of required equipment and trained personnel at these centres, State-wise and district-wise in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to augment the training of personnel and medical infrastructure for cancer screening in underserved districts and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the operational definitions used in the NCD (non-communicable diseases) tracker for terms such as 'screened', 'evaluated', 'diagnosed', 'followed-up' and 'treated'; and
- (f) the details of the process through which referrals and post-diagnosis management of cancer cases are being tracked across facilities and districts?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) The National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) provides financial and technical assistance to States and Union Territories with a focus on strengthening infrastructure, human resources, screening, early diagnosis, referrals, treatment, and awareness for NCD prevention. States and Union Territories are provided financial and technical assistance for undertaking screening of the eligible population as per programme guidelines. The cost of screening varies across States and Union Territories depending upon population coverage, geographical conditions, availability of facilities, manpower deployment and approved Programme Implementation Plans.

(b) to (e) As per information provided by Government of Andhra Pradesh, district wise list of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs(AAMs) equipped for conducting cancer screening are attached at **Annexure I**. District-wise details of health personals trained for cancer screening in Andhra

Pradesh is attached as **Annexure II**. Training is regularly in form of orientation as well as refresher training. Further, Government of Andhra Pradesh uses following operational definitions of terminologies for tracking of NCDs:-

- Screened: An individual is considered “screened” when they have been administered the standardized symptom questionnaire and examined for relevant clinical signs as per the approved screening tool.
- Evaluated: Individuals identified during screening with one or more positive responses for symptoms or signs are referred to a Medical Officer for further evaluation. The Medical Officer re-examines these individuals and determines the need for specialist assessment. Those requiring further assessment are referred to Preventive Oncology Units (POUs), where specialist consultation and diagnostic services are available.
- Diagnosed: Individuals who attend the POU and, based on clinical, radiological, and/or pathological evaluation, are confirmed to have a disease condition are categorized as “diagnosed.”
- Followed Up: Individuals assessed by specialists who require continued observation, periodic review, or post-treatment monitoring are categorized as being “under follow-up.”
- Treated: Following diagnosis, individuals are referred to the appropriate department or specialty, after complete recovery it is called treated.

(f) All suspected cases identified by the Medical Officer are referred to the Preventive Oncology Unit (POU) established in medical colleges through a dedicated online application. All suspected cases are tracked since the patient reaches the POU, including the status of diagnosis, follow-up, and treatment.

Annexure I

District-wise details of health facility equipped with common screening of cancer in Andhra Pradesh

S.No	Name of the District	No.ofPHCs	No.of Urban PHCs	SC-AAMs
1	Alluri Seetarama Raju	63	0	297
2	Anakapalli	45	9	424
3	Anantapur	44	25	433
4	Annamayya	47	11	375
5	Bapatla	43	12	363
6	Chittoor	48	15	464
7	East Godavari	31	15	368
8	Eluru	58	18	463
9	Guntur	26	47	212
10	Kakinada	37	24	410
11	Konaseema	46	7	432
12	Krishna	49	15	357
13	Kurnool	35	28	428
14	Nandyal	51	19	369
15	NTR	23	48	257
16	Palnadu	39	26	361
17	Parvathipuram Manyam	37	5	282
18	Prakasam	64	19	538
19	SPSR Nellore	52	28	497
20	Sri Sathya Sai	41	18	379
21	Srikakulam	66	13	594
22	Tirupati	58	26	440
23	Visakhapatnam	8	66	54
24	Vizianagaram	48	18	482
25	West Godavari	34	18	366
26	YSR Kadapa	51	30	387
GrandTotal		1144	560	10032

AnnexureII

District-wise details of health personals trained for cancer screening in Andhra Pradesh

S.No	NameoftheDistrict	No. of Health Personalstrained
1	Alluri Seetha Rama Raju	532
2	Anakapalli	675
3	Anantapur	837
4	Annamayya	671
5	Bapatla	668
6	Chittoor	784
7	East Godavari	668
8	Eluru	843
9	Guntur	696
10	Kakinada	800
11	Konaseema	705
12	Krishna	669
13	Kurnool	893
14	Nandyala	748
15	NTR	753
16	Palnadu	762
17	Parvathipuram Manyam	470
18	Prakasam	1045
19	SPSR Nellore	1008
20	Sri Satya Sai	711
21	Srikakulam	961
22	Tirupati	887
23	Visakhapatnam	712
24	Vizianagaram	790
25	West Godavari	688
26	YSR Kadapa	868
	Total	19844