

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2439  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

**REPORTING OF HIGH CANCER CASES IN NORTH-EAST**

**2439. SHRI RAJU BISTA:**

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

- (a) the details of cancer incidence in the country along with the number of reported cases annually during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the total number of different types of cancer cases reported from the Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts during the last five years, type-wise;
- (c) whether it is true that the incidences of cancer are particularly high in the North-East States and Himalayan regions and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of research/studies conducted by the Government to assess the major causes of cancer and the key findings thereof;
- (e) the details of hospitals treating cancer, screening centres and public awareness programmes during the last five years in the State of West Bengal, particularly in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts; and
- (f) the details of financial schemes and facilities provided to Cancer Patients for travel to hospitals and towards treatment costs?

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

(a) to (c): Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has informed that, as per the National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research (NCDIR) – National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP), the estimated number of incident cases of all types and sites of cancer in the country during the last five years, State/UT-wise, is enclosed at **Annexure-I**. As per the NCDIR – NCRP, the higher Age Adjusted Incidence Rates (AAIR) are seen in some areas of North Eastern States.

(d) ICMR is conducting research on cancer through its institutes, various projects and cancer consortium. ICMR is funding research in areas of gall bladder cancer, breast cancer, lung cancers, cancers in North-east through its centrally sponsored research projects.

(e) & (f) The Department of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to States and Union Territories across the country under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) as part of the National Health Mission (NHM). The programme focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, screening, early diagnosis, referral, treatment, and health promotion for Non- Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

Under NP-NCD, 770 District NCD Clinics, 364 District Day Care Cancer Centres (DCCC) and 6,410 NCD clinics at Community Health Centres have been set up across the country. As per the announcement of Union Budget 2025-26, for financial year 2025-26, 297 Day Care Cancer Centres (DCCCs) have been approved for establishment across the country to strengthen decentralized cancer care by aligning infrastructure development with patient needs.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs i.e., diabetes, hypertension including three common cancers (oral cancer, breast cancer and cervical cancer) has been rolled out in the country under NHM and also as a part of Comprehensive Primary Health Care. Under the initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for their screening for the three common cancers. Screening of these common cancers is an integral part of service delivery at Ayushman Arogya Mandir.

Under Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer Facilities Scheme, 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCI) and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCC) have been established across the country including 3 TCCCs in State of West Bengal. Further, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute in Kolkata have been set up by the Government to provide super specialty cancer care.

Under National Health Mission (NHM), National Free Drugs Initiative and Free Diagnostic Services ensure essential medicines and diagnostics at public health facilities, reducing out-of-pocket expenses. Anti-cancer drugs are included in the Essential Drugs List at District and Sub-Divisional Hospitals under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCDs).

Treatment of major NCDs including Cancer treatment are available under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY). This scheme provides for Rs. 5 lakh per family annually for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization in the empanelled public and private hospitals. The Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) and Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) Pharmacies improve access to affordable cancer medicines, stents, and implants, reducing out-of-pocket expenses and supporting long-term treatment adherence

## ANNEXURE-I

<b>Estimated Incidence of New cancer cases in India by different State/UT - All types of cancer sites</b>					
<b>State</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Jammu & Kashmir	11683	11764	11869	11946	12024
Ladakh	260	261	262	262	262
Himachal pradesh	7885	7924	7959	8001	8041
Punjab	23129	23276	23420	23573	23719
Chandigarh	979	992	997	1006	1014
Uttarakhand	12172	12298	12420	12552	12678
Haryana	31505	31896	32282	32671	33059
Delhi	24878	25591	26328	27120	27935
Rajasthan	80761	84041	87535	91208	92175
Uttar pradesh	235153	244583	254579	265167	267823
Bihar	120159	121945	123731	125522	127306
Sikkim	565	573	583	597	607
Arunachal pradesh	659	663	668	675	677
Nagaland	2240	2257	2268	2288	2314
Manipur	2062	2146	2214	2300	2373
Mizoram	1894	1943	1991	2048	2093
Tripura	3122	3253	3407	3557	3605
Meghalaya	2834	2918	3004	3105	3128
Assam	45365	47292	49349	51553	52027
West bengal	95586	96058	96529	97004	97472
Jharkhand	37571	38054	38539	39022	39507
Orissa	44572	44861	45148	45426	45714
Chattisgarh	30054	31289	32600	33988	34372
Madhya pradesh	86126	89737	93560	97621	98759
Gujarat	65609	67611	69687	71873	72759
Daman	442	498	557	607	650
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	580	639	691	744	789
Maharashtra	116666	119687	122857	126173	127139
Telangana	42087	43786	45599	47522	47751
Andhra pradesh	58914	61212	63664	66268	66503
Karnataka	74573	77710	81043	84585	85110
Goa	1463	1495	1535	1571	1581
Lakshadweep	67	71	77	84	84
Kerala	76384	80042	83945	88118	88471
Tamil nadu	81396	85215	89314	93731	95100
Puducherry	1771	1879	1995	2112	2158
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	445	459	480	499	499
<b>India</b>	<b>1421611</b>	<b>1465919</b>	<b>1512686</b>	<b>1562099</b>	<b>1577278</b>