

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 931
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2026**

ASSESSMENT OF CANCER CASES

931. MS. S JOTHIMANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of the countrywide cancer burden through the National Cancer Register Programme (NCRP) in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise/gender-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide comprehensive screening facilities for the early detection of oral, breast, cervical, common cancers under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) in all District Hospitals, Government Medical Colleges of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce HPV vaccination for eligible adolescent girls under the said programme to prevent cervical cancer across the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen accessible, affordable oncology care including the expansion of oncology departments, diagnostics facilities, radiotherapy services, the availability of essential drugs, financial assistance for economically weaker patients; and
- (e) whether the Government has formulated a time-bound National Cancer Control Strategy under the NP-NCD with measurable targets for prevention, early detection, treatment, research and mortality reduction in the country, if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) – National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) has provided the State/UT-wise details of estimated cancer incidence for the last five years (2021–2025), which are annexed at Annexure–I.
- (b) 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, 233 Cardiac Care Units and

6,410 NCD clinics at Community Health Centres have been set up across the country. In addition, 524 Day Care Cancer Centres (DCCCs) are functional across the country to ensure cancer care accessibility at district hospital level.

A population-based initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs including three common cancers (oral cancer, breast cancer and cervical cancer) has been rolled out in the country under NHM. In this initiative, persons more than 30 years of age are targeted for their screening at Ayushman Arogya Mandir. Prevention, control & screening services are being provided through trained frontline workers [Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) & Auxiliary Nurse and Midwife (ANM)].

(c) The Nationwide Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Campaign was launched on 28 February 2026 for approximately 1.2 crore eligible beneficiary girls aged 14 years across all 36 States and Union Territories.

(d) 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.

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-NCD).

(e) Under the NP-NCD programme, a comprehensive continuum of cancer care has been envisaged through prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, palliative care and rehabilitation. To strengthen cancer treatment infrastructure, the Government is supporting the establishment of State Cancer Institutes (SCIs), Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) under the Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer Facilities Scheme and DCCCs under NP-NCD to improve equitable access to quality cancer care across the country.

The programme also supports population-based screening, awareness generation on risk factors, and strengthening of cancer surveillance through the National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

ANNEXURE -I

Estimated Incidence of cancer cases in India by different State/UT - All sites - (2021-2025) - Both Sexes					
State	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Jammu & Kashmir UT	13060	13395	13744	14112	14493
Ladakh UT	294	302	309	318	326
Himachal pradesh	8978	9164	9373	9566	9761
Punjab	39521	40435	41337	42288	43196
Chandigarh	1053	1088	1120	1152	1183
Uttaranchal	11779	12065	12348	12642	12947
Haryana	30015	30851	31679	32513	33395
Delhi	25969	26735	27561	28387	29238
Rajasthan	72825	74725	76655	78604	80628
Uttar pradesh	206088	210958	215931	221000	226125
Bihar	106435	109274	112180	115123	118136
Sikkim	465	496	525	561	590
Arunachal pradesh	1064	1087	1125	1143	1176
Nagaland	1805	1854	1890	1935	1992
Manipur	2022	2097	2169	2250	2315
Mizoram	1919	1985	2063	2114	2189
Tripura	2623	2715	2790	2871	2930
Meghalaya	2943	3025	3099	3168	3245
Assam	38834	39787	40721	41713	42694
West bengal	110972	113581	116230	118910	121639
Jharkhand	34910	35860	36840	37824	38819
Orissa	51829	52960	54136	55335	56514
Chattisgarh	28529	29253	30014	30763	31553
Madhya pradesh	79871	81901	84029	86124	88297
Gujarat	71507	73382	75290	77205	79217
Daman	135	150	161	173	188
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	219	238	252	268	291
Maharashtra	118906	121717	124584	127512	130465
Telangana	48775	49983	51145	52334	53565
Andhra pradesh	71970	73536	75086	76708	78282
Karnataka	88126	90349	92560	94832	97130
Goa	1652	1700	1735	1783	1817
Lakshadweep	28	28	31	32	33
Kerala	58139	59143	60162	61175	62179
Tamil nadu	91184	93536	95944	98386	100937
Pondicherry	1623	1679	1753	1823	1892
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	380	393	401	408	416
Total	1426447	1461427	1496972	1533055	1569793