

(d) if so, whether the breast cancer awareness programmes are also not reaching the poor and rural women; and

(e) if so, the strategies to be adopted to make hospitals/health centres equipped to handle such cases?

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS):** (a) to (e) No such assessment on annual mortality due to Breast Cancer has been centrally maintained. However, based on the data on mortality rates collected by Population Based Cancer Registries (PBCR) under Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) at Mumbai and Chennai for the year 2001—2003, expected mortality due to Breast Cancer in the year 2007 would be about 41,300.

Health being a State Subject, it is for the State Government to ensure that adequate facilities for early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer are made available. Under the scheme of National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), special emphasis is being laid on early detection of Cancer through screening, promoting health education, creating awareness under District Cancer Control Programme. Under NCCP, the Central Government is also strengthening the efforts of the State Governments for creating cancer treatment facilities by providing financial assistance for setting up of Radiotherapy Units in Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals. In addition, National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is already operational and strengthening the health care delivery across the country.

The NCCP is being implemented with the objectives of primary prevention through health education, secondary prevention through early detection and diagnosis of cancer and strengthening of cancer treatment facilities. In addition, the comprehensive cancer detection and management facilities including cancer testing facilities in respective regions/States are provided by 27 Regional Centres in different parts of the country. The public awareness about cancer is also being carried out through Electronic and Print Media including telecast of the Programme "Kalyani" on Doordarshan.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### **Tuna fishing**

3389. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government proposed to buy two tuna training fishing boats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of trained crew for tuna fishing boats in the country at present;

(d) the time likely to be taken to train the crew before they join the Indian fishery sector; and

(e) the measures proposed to be taken to help tuna fishing sector find trained crew from overseas till the trained crew from the country is available?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA):** (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government proposes to acquire one tuna longliner cum trawler and one tuna purse-seiner for imparting training and for carrying out survey of oceanic tuna resources in the country's Exclusive Economic Zone.

(c) to (e) The Government has appointed a Sub-Committee under the Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee to examine these issues and their findings are awaited.