

Financial assistance for cancer patients

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

(a) the details of prescribed norms and procedure to provide financial assistance to poor patients to meet their medical expenses from the Minister's discretionary fund and the cancer patients' fund;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided together with the number of patients got benefited from these funds separately during last three years and current year, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether complaints have been received regarding delay in taking action on the applications seeking assistance from these funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken or likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) The norms for granting assistance to poor patients under Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG) are as under:

(i) Poor patients with family income less than Rs.75,000/- annually and suffering from major illness and requiring one-time treatment in government hospitals/institutions are eligible for financial assistance under HMDG.

(ii) Financial assistance limits are as: (a) Rs.20,000/- if the estimated cost of treatment is up to Rs. 50,000/- . (b) Rs. 40,000/- if the estimated cost of treatment is above Rs. 50,000/- & up to Rs. 1,00,000/- . (c) Rs.50,000/- if the estimated cost of treatment is above Rs. 1,00,000/- .

2. The applicant has to submit an application in the prescribed proforma duly filled in by the treating Doctor/HOD and countersigned by the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital (Government Hospital) where the patient is receiving the treatment, alongwith income certificate in original from the BDO/ Tehsildar/Collector /SDM.

3. The Directorate General of Health Services (Dte.GHS) technically appraises the proposal and clears it. Thereafter, the approval of Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare is

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obtained for granting financial assistance to the eligible patient. A cheque of the admissible amount is issued to the hospital that has to submit utilization certificate to the Ministry.

Under the Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF), the norms are as under:

(i) Financial assistance is provided to patients, below poverty line, suffering from cancer and undergoing treatment in Government hospitals and any of the 27 Regional Cancer Centres.

(ii) The financial assistance to the Cancer Patient up to Rs.1.00 lakh is provided by the concerned Institutes /Hospitals through the revolving fund placed at their disposal. The cases of financial assistance above this limit are to be referred by the Hospitals for assistance from Central Funds.

(b) Details are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) No.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Statement

Financial assistance provided under Health Minister's Discretionary Grant during last three years and current year

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Number of patients and financial assistance provided							
		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		Current year	
		No. of patients	(Rs. in lakhs)	No. of patients	(Rs. in lakhs)	No. of patients	(Rs. in lakhs)	No. of patients	(Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	West Bengal	107	19.73	85	16.00	132	23.90	59	16.50
2	Uttar Pradesh	44	8.80	24	4.40	10	2.00	14	5.10
3	Bihar	23	4.30	12	2.40	06	1.20	06	1.40
4	Uttarakhand	01	0.20						
5	Delhi	12	2.30	02	0.40	08	1.50	02	0.70
6	Orissa	03	0.50			04	0.80		
7	Maharashtra	03	0.60	02	0.40			01	0.20

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8	Madhya Pradesh	07	1.40	09	1.40	03	0.60		
9	Punjab	01	0.20	01	0.20				
10	Karnataka	01	0.20						
11	Andhra Pradesh	01	0.20	01	0.20				
12	Kerala	02	0.30	01	0.20			01	0.10
13	Manipur	01	0.10	04	0.60				
14	Haryana	04	0.60	02	0.40	02	0.40	01	0.20
15	Assam			01	0.20				
16	Rajasthan			01	0.20				
17	Jharkhand							01	0.40
18	Chhattisgarh					01	0.20		
19	Jammu and Kashmir					01	0.20		
TOTAL		210	39.43	145	27.00	167	30.80	85	24.60

Financial assistance provided by Regional Cancer Centres during 2009-10 and current year out of revolving fund

Total amount of revolving fund released under HMCPF to the Regional Cancer Centres during:

2009-10 - Rs.280.00 lakhs

Current year - Rs. 90.00 lakhs

Regional Cancer Centres Number of patients and financial assistance provided

1	2	2009-10		Current year	
		No. of patients	Rs. in lakhs	No. of patients	Rs. in lakhs
3	4	5	6		
1.	Cancer Hospital, Tripura, Agartala	22	1.44	137	7.53
2	Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal	196	51.27	88	22.20

1	2	3	4	5	6
3	Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore, Karnataka	10	8.14	-	-
4	Regional Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	20	8.72	20	10.51
5	Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer, Centre for Cancer Research & Treatment, Cuttack, Orissa	06	1.53	24	7.84
6	Regional Cancer Control Society, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	-	-	108	7.33
7	Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	-	-	01	0.75
8	Indian Rotary Cancer Institute, (A11MS), New Delhi	26	18.60	02	1.71
9	R.S.T. Hospital & Research Centre, Nagpur, Maharashtra	82	6.25	39	3.21
10	Pt. J.N.M. Medical College, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	04	3.16	-	-
11	Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh	22	7.66	-	-
12	Sher-I Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar	-	-	-	-
13	Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Manipur, Imphal	19	8.66	-	-
14	Govt. Medical College & Associated Hospital, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu	-	-	-	-

1	2	3	4	5	6
15	Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	56	10.00	03	1.50
16	Gujarat Cancer Research Institute, Ahmedabad, Gujarat	14	10.00	-	-
17	MNJ Institute of Oncology, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	-	-	-	-
18	Pondicherry Regional Cancer Society, JIPMER, Puducherry	-	-	09	8.83
19	Dr. B.B. Cancer Institute, Guwahati, Assam	165	5.89	-	-
20	Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra	18	10.00	-	-
21	Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna, Bihar	-	-	-	-
22	Acharya Tulsi Regional Cancer Trust & Research Institute (RCC), Bikaner, Rajashtan	-	-	-	-
23	Regional Cancer Centre, Pt. B.D.Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak, Haryana	-	-	-	-
24	Civil Hospital, Aizawl, Mizoram	130	10.00	-	-
25	Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow	-	-	-	-
26	Govt. Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital, Kancheepuram, T.Nadu	-	-	-	\$
27	Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh	-	-	-	\$

\$ funds not released