

Harmful treatment for women in cancer cases

†2704. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that regular screening of chemotherapy and radiation, used for the treatment of cancer, may be harmful to women; and

(b) if so, whether Ministry has any plan to aware the public in this regard and whether there is any alternative to it?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, the patients including women who are exposed to chemotherapy and/or radiation for the treatment of cancer are at risk for developing toxic/harmful effects.

(b) Each patient including women, are explained by treating doctor in advance, about different toxic/harmful effects which a patient may develop following the treatment with chemotherapy and/or radiation.

There are several diagnosis tests which can be used for detecting cancer. The self breast examination and clinical examination of breast are used under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS).

Health is a State subject and Government of India's efforts are supplement to State Government efforts.

For public awareness, a half an hour dedicated health magazine programme, Swasth Bharat/Arogya Bharatam is telecast through 30 regional Doordarshan Kendras and broadcast through 29 regional radio stations across the country. These programmes are telecast/broadcast for 05 days a week in regional languages covering all the issues relating to health care and national disease control programme.

Deaths during clinical trials

2705. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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