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31	Lakshadweep	959	908
32	Kerala	960	959
33	Tamil Nadu	942	946
34	Puducherry	967	965
35	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	957	966

Source: Census of India 2011, Provisional Population Totals.

#### **Breast cancer prevention programme**

3183. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to prevent breast cancer among women; and

(b) whether the Ministry has allocated any funds for this?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Health is a State subject. Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by focusing on early detection of Cancer, health education and creating awareness. Awareness campaign is also carried out through print and electronic media. A manual for Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) has been made in which awareness about breast cancer is available.

Government of India had launched a comprehensive National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke (NPCDCS) in 2010. The Programme envisages implementation in 100 districts across 21 States during 2010-12. Under Cancer component of NPCDCS, the district hospitals are strengthened for early diagnosis of cancer and, day care, chemotherapy facilities. Early cancer detection done at districts level through opportunistic screening mainly for Oral, Breast and Cervical Cancer. Budget Allocation (Plan) for 2013-14 NPCDCS for activities under National Health Mission is Rs. 300 crores and under Health Sector for Tertiary Cancer Care is Rs. 365 crores.