

Oncology in its various aspects has focus in case of new AIIMS and many upgraded institutions under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). Setting up of National Cancer Institute at Jhajjar (Haryana) and 2nd campus of Chittranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata has also been approved.

Electronic and Print media is also utilized for health awareness for cancer.

Population control measures

1082. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what family planning measures are being taken by Government to discourage citizens from having a large number of children on religious grounds; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to censure leaders who are advocating and attempting to persuade women to give birth to many children with the motive of altering the demographic composition of the country, which is in contravention of the National Population Policy-2000?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) The National Population Policy -2000 advocates for adoption of small family norms. The Family Welfare Programme in India is voluntary in nature, which enables a couple to adopt the family planning methods, best suited to them, according to their choice, without any compulsion, irrespective of any religion, caste and creed.

(b) In view of point (a) above, question does not arise.

New medical colleges in Rajasthan

†1083. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the new areas in Rajasthan State wherein necessary steps have been taken by the Central Government for setting-up medical colleges; and

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the State Government for setting-up such new medical colleges and by when these new medical colleges will be set up and become functional?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Establishment of new Medical

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