

cancer) has been rolled out in over 100 districts of the country in 2017-18. This screening activity will generate awareness on risk factors of common NCDs.

Under strengthening of Tertiary Care for Cancer Centre (TCCC) Scheme, Government of India is assisting States to set up/establish State Cancer Institute (SCI) and Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) in different parts of the country. These SCIs and TCCCs will mentor all cancer related activities.

The Central Government, through its hospitals augments the efforts of the State Governments for providing health services in the country. Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), 6 new AIIMS have been set up and upgradation of identified medical colleges has been undertaken which will also improve tertiary care facilities for NCDs.

#### **Emergency Medical Technicians**

412. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a major need of Emergency Medical Technicians for the urgent treatment, particularly during the accident, injuries, mishaps happening on the roads in the country, if so, Government's response thereto;

(b) whether Government is considering to promote education for trained Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to treat and respond quickly to handle all medical emergencies, traumatic injuries and accidents in various parts of the country; and

(c) if so, details thereof indicating the steps proposed in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes, Emergency Medical Technicians are required for urgent treatment, particularly during the accident, injuries, mishaps happening on the roads in the country.

Public Health and Hospitals being a State Subject, primary responsibility to provide healthcare services to people lies under the jurisdiction of the respective State/UT Governments, including services for urgent treatment, particularly during the accident, injuries, mishaps happening on the roads. However, under NHM, technical and financial support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening the overall health

systems based on the proposals received from them in their NHM-Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs), within their overall resource envelope, including for training of health human resource and healthcare services to victims of accident, injuries, mishaps happening on the roads.

(b) and (c) Considering the importance of the EMTs, the Ministry has developed a skill training programme called, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, under the skill development initiatives in the health sector. Also, a course on First Responder training has been standardized for imparting life saving skills necessary to help fellow citizens until emergency care arrives.

For First Responder course, training is imparted through National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW) under which more than 200 candidates and over 70 Master Trainers (from 18 States) have been trained.

Further since 2007, a certificate course for Pre-hospital Trauma Technician (PTT) is also conducted under National Programme for Prevention and Management of Trauma and Burn Injuries in 3 Central Government Hospitals in Delhi. In this regard, as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Directive, an advisory has also been issued to all the States to implement the PTT course curriculum in their respective State for capacity building and training of para-medical personnel for ambulances.

#### **Affordable healthcare services**

413. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts made by Government on Health Sector during last two years;

(b) whether it is very low as compared to the developed countries of the world and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the health services in India are becoming expensive day by day, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by Government to provide affordable healthcare services to the people, especially the poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) The major aim of Government is to provide quality healthcare services to each and every person of the country.

Government announced National Health Policy 2017 (NHP) in April, 2017. It is a huge milestone in the history of health sector in the country. The last National Health