of India and The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation report titled "India: Health of the Nation's States-The India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative", DALY loss due to cancer from 1990 to 2016 has doubled, which means per centage contribution of cancers to the total health loss in India has doubled from 1990 to 2016. The incidence of different types of cancers varies widely between the States.

## Financial aid for Malabar Cancer Centre, Kerala

2196. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sanctioning financial aid for Malabar Cancer Centre, Kerala, under financial assistance scheme for Tertiary Cancer Care Centre (TCCC), is being considered;
  - (b) if so, whether steps have been taken for the said financial assistance; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) to (c) Under the Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer facilities scheme of National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), there is no proposal from the State Government for sanctioning of Tertiary Care Cancer Centre (TCCC) at Malabar Cancer Centre, Kerala.

Under the scheme, one TCCC was envisaged to be set up in Kerala and the same has already been approved at Government Medical College, Kozhikode and 1st installment of central share has been released to the State Government for the purpose.

## Superannuation age of AIIMS faculty

2197. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the governing body of the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) had cleared the proposal to increase the retirement age of its entire faculty from 65 years to 68 years and if so, the details thereof;
  - (b) whether any proposal is pending with Government for approval; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) The Governing body of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in its 154th meeting held on

21.01.2016 had cleared the proposal to increase the retirement age of its faculty from 65 years to 67 years.

(b) and (c) The proposal has not been approved since it will have implications on Central Health Services cadres and other Central/State Government medical services.

## Iodine deficiency ailments

2198. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Indians suffer from bloated thyroid due to iodine deficiency;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether consumption of iodised salt has any effect in reducing iodine deficiency; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) No. Instead, there has been significant reduction in visible goitre (bloated thyroid) prevalence in the country.

(c) and (d) It has been established that consumption of Iodized Salt prevents Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD). Study conducted in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh by researchers from AIIMS, New Delhi between 1956-1972 scientifically proved that prevalence of Goitre reduced from 40% to 5% in the population administered with Iodized Salt. In order to prevent and control IDDs, GOI is implementating National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP) in the entire country. As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 Report (2015-16) the National average consumption of Iodated salt at household level was 93%.

## Development of plot/land for CGHS centre

2199. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether CGHS had purchased a plot in Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi;
- (b) if so, when it was purchased and cost of plot along with the plan/facilities likely to be provided to CGHS beneficiaries from this plot;
- (c) whether Government had developed a number of plots for similar purpose since then in Delhi: