

Increase in cancer patients

†*251. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cancer patients is increasing in the country every year;

(b) if so, the details of the number of cancer patients increased during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of the improvements made in the condition of Government hospitals for the treatment of cancer during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN):

(a) and (b) As per National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the estimated incidence of cancer cases reported in the country during the three years is given below:

Year	2016	2017	2018
Estimated Incidence of cancer cases	14,51,417	15,17,426	15,86,571

(c) Health being a State subject, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments. National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) is being implemented under National Health Mission (NHM), the objectives of which include awareness generation for Cancer prevention, screening, early detection and referral to an appropriate level institution for treatment. For Cancer, the focus is on three cancers namely breast, cervical and oral.

To tackle the challenge of Non Communicable Diseases (NCD), including cancer, 616 NCD Clinics at District level and 3,827 NCD Clinics at Community Health Centre level have been set up under the programme. Population level initiative for prevention, control and screening for common NCDs (diabetes, hypertension and common cancers viz. oral, breast and cervical cancer) has also been rolled out under the National Health Mission (NHM) in over 215 districts. Screening of common NCDs including three common cancers *i.e.* oral, breast and cervical is also an integral part of service delivery under Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres.

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To enhance the facilities for tertiary care of cancer, the Central Government is implementing Strengthening of Tertiary Care for Cancer Scheme, under which setting up of 19 State Cancer Institutes and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres have been approved. Further, Oncology is also one of the focus areas in case of new AIIMS and many upgraded institutions under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). Setting up of National Cancer Institute at Jhajjar in Haryana and second campus of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, are also steps in the same direction. Treatment of various cancers is also available under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).

**Technical assistance to reduce losses
incurred by DISCOMS**

*252. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to help DISCOMs to trim their losses and reduce their debt in the coming years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to extend technical assistance and provide modern equipments to help address their losses, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have been assisting states and distribution utilities in strengthening of the distribution system and thereby reducing the losses. Under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) grants have been sanctioned and released to state distribution utilities for separation of Feeders; IT enablement; metering of Feeders, Distribution transformers and consumers to facilitate energy accounting etc.

In addition, for operational and financial turnaround of distribution utilities by reducing Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, the Government initiated Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY). Further, in the budget speech for the year 2020-21, the Government informed the Parliament of its intention to promote the prepaid smart metering and the undertake measures to reforms DISCOMs, so as to enable them to reduce the losses.