

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1869
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd August, 2022**

INCREASE OF CANCER PATIENTS IN PUNJAB

1869. SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any survey regarding the number of cancer-stricken patients in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c): ICMR does systematic collection of data on cancer through various Population Based Cancer Registries (PBCR) across India under the National Cancer Registry Programme (NCRP) since 1981. A population-based cancer registry in Patiala has been functional since 2011. As per the NCRP Report on “National Cancer Registry Programme Report, 2020” the estimated number of new cancer cases in the state of Punjab for the year 2020 is 38,636.

The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, however, provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), as part of National Health Mission (NHM), based on the proposals received from the States/UTs and subject to the resource envelope. Cancer is an integral part of NPCDCS. The programme focusses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, health promotion & awareness generation for Cancer prevention, early diagnosis, management and referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment of the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), including Cancer.

Under NPCDCS, 22 District NCD Clinics, 2 District Day Care Centres, and 191 Community Health Center NCD Clinics have been set up in Punjab.

The Central Government implements Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer Facilities Scheme in order to enhance the facilities for tertiary care of cancer. 19 State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) have been approved under the said scheme. The Central Government has approved financial support of Rs. 68.766 Cr to Government Medical College, Amritsar as State Cancer Institute and Rs. 26.826 Cr to Civil Hospital, Fazilka as Tertiary Care Cancer Centre.

There is also focus on Oncology in its various aspects in case of new AIIMS and many upgraded institutions under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY).