

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 899
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2025**

STUDY ON ALCOHOL AS CANCER RISK

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

- (a) whether Govt. has noted any study linking alcohol with cancer risks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the views of Government thereon; and
- (c) the details of steps initiated in light of the research findings?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c): As per the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), a study entitled “Alcohol & cancer: Evidence to action” was published by Mehrotra in 2022, in Indian Journal of Medical Research suggests that harmful use of alcohol is associated with morbidity and mortality worldwide alongside many physical and mental disorders including cancer. Numerous studies have indicated a causal association of alcohol consumption with oropharyngeal, laryngeal, oesophageal (squamous cell), colorectal, hepatocellular and female breast carcinoma.

The National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) Guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare includes alcohol as one of the risk factor of common NCDs, including cancer.

Preventive aspect of Cancer is strengthened under Comprehensive Primary Health Care through Ayushman Arogya Mandir by promotion of wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level. Other initiatives for increasing public awareness by using print, electronic and social media about Cancer and for promotion of healthy lifestyle includes observation of National Cancer Awareness Day, World Cancer Day. NP-NCD provides financial support under NHM for awareness generation activities for NCDs including Cancer to be undertaken by the States and Union Territories as per their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs).

Healthy Eating” is promoted through “Eat Right India movement” of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). “Fit India movement” is implemented by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Various Yoga related activities are carried out by Ministry of AYUSH.
