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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2023#
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th MARCH, 2025**

AVAILABILITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES FOR CANCER TREATMENT

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

- (a) the number of Government and private hospitals providing advanced treatment facilities for cancer patients in the country;
- (b) the number of Government and private hospitals with cancer treatment facilities in Maharashtra and Karnataka along with the number of beds, oncology specialists and radiation therapy units available in these hospitals;
- (c) whether Government is implementing any special scheme to provide new technologies, modern equipment and affordable medicines for the convenience of cancer patients; and
- (d) the assistance and schemes provided by Government for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) for treatment in view of the high cost of cancer treatment?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per Health Dynamics of India (Infrastructure & Human Resources) 2022-2023 Report of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the details regarding Government hospitals, is available in the public domain at following URL:

https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Health%20Dynamics%20of%20India%20%28Infrastructure%20%26%20Human%20Resources%29%202022-23_RE%20%281%29.pdf

The National Health Mission provides support for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources to health facilities, to improve availability and accessibility to quality health care especially for the underserved and marginalized groups in rural areas.

(c) & (d) :The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, provides technical and financial support to the States and Union Territories under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) as part of National Health Mission (NHM).The programme focuses on strengthening infrastructure, human resource development, early diagnosis, referral to an appropriate level of healthcare facility for treatment and management and health promotion and awareness generation for prevention, of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) including cancers (oral, breast and cervical).Under NP-NCD, 770 District NCD Clinics, 372 District Day Care Centres and 6410 Community Health Center NCD Clinics has been set up.

The treatment in Government Hospitals is either free or highly subsidized for the poor and needy. The Central Government has implemented the Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Care Centres Facilities Scheme in order to enhance the facilities for cancer care at tertiary level. 19 State Cancer Institutes(SCIs) and 20 Tertiary Cancer Care Centres (TCCCs) have been set up, which includes SCI (Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (RCC), Bengaluru) and TCCC (Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya) in Karnataka and SCI (Government Medical College, Aurangabad) and two TCCC (Rashtrasant Tukdoji Regional Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Nagpur and Vivekanand Foundation & Research Centre, Latur) in Maharashtra.

Cancer treatment facilities have been approved in all 22 new AIIMS under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

National Free Drugs Service initiative and Free Diagnostic Service has been rolled out to ensure availability of essential drugs and diagnostic facilities and reduce out of pocket expenditure of the cancer patients.

The Jan Aushadi Kendras (JAKs) under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) provides affordable generic medicines, including anti-cancer medicines. Under PMBJP scheme , 2,047 medicines and 300 surgicals, medical consumables and devices are available.

Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT), initiative provides affordable medicines including for cancer. As on 28.02.2025, there are 222 AMRIT Pharmacies spread across 29 States/Union Territories, selling more than 6500 drugs including Cancer at significant discounts.

Under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), cancer-related treatment is provided for medical, surgical and radiation oncology across 219 packages.

The Government provides one-time financial assistance upto Rs.15 lakh for treatment in government hospitals to poor patients and suffering from cancer through Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF).

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) has fixed the ceiling prices of 131 anti-cancer scheduled formulations. NPPA has also fixed retail price of 28 anti-cancer formulations. Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance has reduced the customs duty to Nil and GST rates from 12% to 5% for three anti-cancer drugs.
