

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Demand to start a Cancer Treatment Centre in Idukki.

**ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI):** Sir, some of the childhood cancer survivors of my constituency have sent some letters to me on the 'World Cancer Day'. If we see these letters, our hearts will break. These are the letters sent to me and their self-loaded pictures are also included. They are trying to bridge the gap in the cancer treatment care, that means, they are asking our intervention. They are not getting enough facilities for cancer treatment. All over India, as per the figures shown in that, 76,805 children get cancer each year. Out of this number, only 35 per cent is getting the facility to approach the hospitals. Out of that 35 per cent, only 50 per cent of the patients are surviving. That means, overall, 20 per cent of the people, who are suffering from childhood cancer, are surviving.

As my constituency, Idukki, is a completely rural area, we have no facility for cancer treatment, which means, even lower rate of patients' survival. Apart from this, in the case of Kerala, we are the only district where there is more aggregate percentage of cancer patients. We want enough facilities for cancer treatment. For that, there is a programme here at the Centre called, 'National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases and Strokes (NPCDCS)'. The hon. former Minister, Harsh Vardhan Ji is here. I approached him also.

From our State the Health Department has already approached the Centre to start a cancer hospital there. I seek the intervention of the hon. Minister, through you, Sir, to kindly give permission to start a Cancer Treatment Centre in Idukki. Thank you very much.

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