

Regarding rising cases of cancer related deaths in Bihar-laid

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (SARAN): I wish to bring to the attention of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare the critical issue of rising cancer deaths in Bihar. Bihar ranks fourth in India for registered cancer cases, with 1.40 lakh cases, two-thirds of which are advanced. A 2022 study shows a 25% increase in cancer cases in last 10 years, and oral cancer accounts for 51% of these cases and death in half of all oral cancer cases. Annually, 70,000-80,000 cancer deaths occur in Bihar, contributing to the national toll of 9 lakh deaths. Despite this staggering figure, the state has around only six medical colleges which have chemotherapy centers.

I urge upon the Government to:

1. Install more Population-Based Cancer Registries (PBCRs) in Bihar.
2. Establish additional chemotherapy centers in government medical colleges.
3. Implement early detection and awareness programs.

Immediate action is necessary to address this escalating health crisis.