

**Regarding need to provide free treatment to cancer patients in the country-
Laid**

SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL (JAYNAGAR): As per National Cancer Registry Programme India, the estimated number of incident cases of cancer in India for the year 2022 was found to be 14, 61,427(crude rate 100.4) per 1, 00,000. In India one in nine people are likely to develop cancer in his or her life time. The incidents of cancer cases are estimated to increase by 12.8% in 2025 as compared to 2020. While these statistics are alarming, private hospitals are charging exorbitant fees for the treatment of cancer. This is also true in case of the Government empanelled private hospitals. Patients are fighting to win their battle against the disease as well as struggling to earn sufficient means to survive. Being a public representative, I place on an average 10 to 12 letters every month to the Prime Minister National relief fund for getting financial assistance for cancer patients. As per Government criteria every Member of Parliament is entitled to receive financial assistance for 35 patients in a year. I therefore, request the honourable Prime Minister to provide completely free treatment for cancer patients in Government hospitals and Central Government empanelled private hospitals.