

Regarding need to provide financial assistance to set up a dedicated Cancer Hospital or District Cancer Centre in Ranipet district of Tamil Nadu- Laid

SHRI S. JAGATHRATCHAKAN (ARAKKONAM): I would like to draw the urgent attention of the Government to the alarming increase in cancer cases in Ranipet district of my Parliamentary Constituency of Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu Government conducted the screening camps in Ranipet which examined more than 9,500 people, and hundreds of cancer cases?including detection of early-stage breast cancer. These numbers reflect a serious and growing public health challenge. However, Ranipet district does not have a dedicated cancer hospital or district cancer centre. Patients?many of them daily-wage earners?are forced to travel long distances to Chennai or Vellore for diagnosis, chemotherapy and radiotherapy. This delays treatment, increases out-of-pocket expenses, and causes immense hardship for families already struggling with the emotional and financial burden of cancer. I, therefore, request the Honourable Minister of Health and Family Welfare to sanction a dedicated Cancer Hospital or District Cancer Centre in Ranipet under central assistance, and to link it with the National Oncology Grid for technical support. This will bring timely, life-saving care within the reach of thousands of people. I urge the Ministry to take this matter on priority and order an immediate assessment of feasibility.