

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH CENTERS FOR CANCER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to open more research centers on the lines of Tata Memorial Cancer Research Center and Hospital, Mumbai ;and

(b) if so, the decision of the Government thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) : There are at present 20 Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) recognized under the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) in different parts of the country. In addition this Ministry has recently approved recognition of the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh as RCC for Punjab and the U.T. , of Chandigarh. It has been envisaged to recognize new Regional Cancer Centres in uncovered areas and additional RCCs in populous States with a view to fill up the geographical gaps in the availability of specialized cancer treatment and research facilities in the country.