

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

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

- (a) Whether there is permanent cure for cancer in allopathy system;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether alternative medical system viz Siddha, Ayurveda, Unani, Homoeopathy have effective treatment for curing cancer;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The total number of such hospitals in the country where treatment for cancer patients is made available to people?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): Yes, Sir. There is a permanent cure of cancer in allopathy system. The response depends on several factors including type of cancer and the stage of cancer. Common modalities for treatment of cancer include surgery, radiotherapy & chemotherapy. Quite often a combination of the above modalities is used for treatment of cancers. Apart from the facilities available for treatment of cancer provided by State Govt./Private Sector, Government has recognized 25 Regional Cancer Centres which provide comprehensive cancer detection and management facilities. In addition the Radiotherapy treatment is available at about 210 centres in India.

However, there is no scientific tested treatment available for treatment of Cancer in Indian Systems of Medicine. There are no specific hospitals for the treatment of cancer in ISM&H.