

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

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BREAST CANCER  
Rawale Shri Mohan

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many younger women are falling prey to breast cancer due to the fast paced lifestyle as reported in The Times of India dated November 7, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken to create awareness among the general public in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): According to the Indian Council of Medical Research, the data from Population Based Cancer Registry, Delhi do not reveal any significant increase in the age specific incidence rates of breast cancer below 40 years of age.

(c): As per received scheme of National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), special emphasis is now being laid on early detection of Cancer by creating awareness. Grant-in-aid is provided to Non-Governmental Organizations to create awareness among general masses. The public awareness about cancer is also being carried out through the telecast of the programme "Kalyani" on Doordarshan. National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on 7th November every year. This year the national level health awareness activities about cancer was carried out on 7th November across the country including the 25 Regional Cancer Centres. Besides newspaper advertisement and Radio/TV campaigns have also been launched nationwide to spread awareness about cancer.