

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

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

- (a) whether a large number of women are suffering from cervical cancer in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken so far to contain the disease and the financial and technical assistance provided to various States in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has launched any pilot programmes aimed at rapid and accurate test results to confirm the disease with minimal need of infrastructure; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) & (b): Health being a state subject, such information is not centrally maintained. According to the latest report of National Council of Registry Programme, Indian Council of Medical Research, the estimated number of cervical cancer cases is about 1 lakh every year.

(c) to (e): The Central Government has evolved a comprehensive cancer control strategy i.e. National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) where emphasis has been laid down on awareness, prevention, early detection and treatment. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance for setting up Radiotherapy Unit in Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals for providing treatment facilities. There are 27 Regional Cancer Centres for comprehensive cancer care management in the country. However, the Institute of Cytology & Preventive Oncology has initiated a collaborative project with PATH-USA to test the utility of the fast-Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) diagnostic test under field conditions.