

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
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FUNDS FOR NATIONAL CANCER GRID

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:-

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to provide more funds to the effective functioning of National Cancer Grid (NCG) to provide uniform top quality treatment and medical care for cancer patients in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of cancer hospitals and research centers under the umbrella of NCG, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the NCG to collect and compile the data on cancer patients in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a) In the first phase the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) had supported the National Cancer Grid with a grant of Rs.72 crores. Upon completion of the phase-I, the DAE has extended the support for phase II - Expanding access to prevention and treatment of cancer through the National Cancer Grid. The phase II has been granted the funding of Rs.177 crores for the year 2023 to 2028.
- (b) The National Cancer Grid (NCG) membership is open for all cancer centres and professional organizations working in the field of cancer. From 13 members in 2012 it has grown to 380 member strong organization. These include cancer centres, charitable organizations and research institutes as its members. The membership of NCG is open to other eligible entities for further enrolment.
- (c) NCG has established the criteria for optimal Electronic Medical Record platforms for cancer care and helped entities to enhance/develop their Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) to conform to these standards. These EMRs could help collection of cancer-related data in the future.
As part of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) supported clinical network under NCG, 11 NCG centres including TMC centres are collecting data on Breast, Colorectal, Gallbladder, Lymphomas, Chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) and Lung cancer. This initiative has collected data on 36000 patients.
NCG supported hematological cancer consortium is collecting data on Blood cancer patients and has data on 30000 patients.
