

Need to establish a Cancer Care Centre at Kishanganj District Hospital in Bihar-Laid

DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED (KISHANGANJ): India has the third-largest cancer burden in the world, and I am deeply concerned about the alarming rise in cancer cases in Kishanganj and adjoining districts of Bihar. For years, people in the region have struggled with inadequate healthcare facilities. Contaminated groundwater, particularly with arsenic and other harmful elements, has further worsened the situation, turning the area into a potential cancer hotspot. In Kishanganj district, cancer cases have reportedly increased by nearly 27% year-on-year in recent years. Every year, hundreds of patients approach me for recommendations to AIIMS Delhi and other super-specialty hospitals. Due to the absence of proper diagnostic and treatment facilities locally, patients are compelled to travel to distant cities, causing emotional distress and significant financial hardship. This alarming trend underscores the urgent need for a dedicated cancer screening and treatment facility in the region. The Government has already announced plans to establish Cancer Care Centres in district hospitals with trained manpower, dedicated beds, and essential medical infrastructure. I urge the Hon?ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare to take immediate steps to establish a Cancer Care Centre at Kishanganj District Hospital so that timely and affordable treatment can be ensured for the people of the area.