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**PARLIAMENT QUESTION**

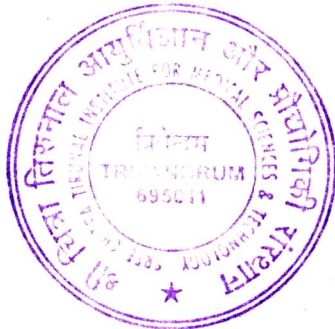
**Sub:** Out Today: PARLIAMENT QUESTION....Request for inputs i.r.o LoK Sabha starred admitted Question No. 200 regarding Screening of Cancer for 15/12/2023 - reg.

Question

- Whether it is a fact that Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) proposes to introduce/implement measures to accelerate cancer screening measures and treatment in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- Whether it is a fact that only a few districts across the country are able to effectively implement cancer screening measures with the norms of the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- Whether it is a fact that the country is expected to witness a substantial 57.5 percent increase in cancer cases between 2020 and 2040 and if so, the details thereof;
- Whether it is also a fact that Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) have the potential to play a crucial role in promoting and conducting home-based cancer screening in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- Whether the Government is considering to harness the potential of ASHAs in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum (SCTIMST) concurs with the reply given by ICMR on the subject. In addition, in the state of Kerala, ASHAs are entrusted with symptomatic screening for the three cancers (Oral, breast, and Cervical) using a digital mobile app called the Shaili App. A substantial proportion of the eligible population (>30 years) is already covered. More details may be available from the Directorate of Health Services, Kerala state.



  
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