

In addition, the Government has also approved setting up of two more AIIMS-like institutions in second phase, one each in the States of West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. For the proposed institution in West Bengal, site has been identified at Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur District, West Bengal. The State Government has been requested to acquire land and hand over the site to Government of India for initiating further action. In the case of Uttar Pradesh, site is yet to be finalized.

**Rise in cases of diseases afflicting young female population**

703. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is sudden spurt of polycystic ovarian disease, infertility and breast cancer cases especially among young girls and women;

(b) if so, the details thereof in respect of rural and urban areas;

(c) whether Government considers it necessary to explore the reasons behind the sudden rise and to take corrective measures required in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There is no sudden spurt of breast cancer cases either among all women or among young girls. However, cancer of the breast has shown an increasing trend in incidence (1982-2005) in the Population based Cancer Registries (PBCRs) at Bangalore, Bhopal, Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai. Chennai PBCR has shown an upward trend in more recent years (1995-2005). The rural registry at Barshi has not shown a statistically significant increasing trend.

(c) and (d) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has carried out several studies on the etiology, sequela and fertility aspects of Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCO). The Department of Health & Family Welfare is implementing a National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS). This includes components for promotion of healthy lifestyle, opportunistic screening, establishment of an NCD clinic at district hospitals and strengthening of tertiary level facilities.