

Specialized Palliative Care Units

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There is no state-wise/national data maintained under National Program for Palliative Care (NPPC) which suggest the number of specialized palliative care units established in India from 2010-2016 as the support under the Program to the States/UTs is primarily for establishing basic palliative care services at district hospitals.

The Ministry had constituted an expert group on Palliative care which submitted its report 'Proposal of Strategies for Palliative Care in India' in November, 2012. On the basis of the Report, National Program for Palliative Care (NPPC) was implemented under National Health Mission (NHM). NPPC is now part of the 'Mission Flexipool' of NHM. A model PIP, a framework of operational and financial guidelines, for the states was also drafted on the basis of which the states/UTs prepare their proposals related to Palliative Care and incorporate them in their respective PIPs to seek financial support under NHM. The details of funds provided to the States/UTs from 2013-14 onwards till date under NPPC programme is given below:

Year 2013-14				
S.No	States/UTs	Funds released (in Rs. Lakhs)		
		Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total
1	Maharashtra	22.53	19.77	42.30
2	Tamil Nadu	11.04	7.48	18.52
3	West Bengal	61.17	78.34	139.51
4	Odisha	41.61	75.41	117.02
5	Assam	11.20	3.60	14.80
6	Tripura	12.30	0.00	12.30
7	Nagaland	0.81	0.00	0.81
	Total	160.66	184.60	345.26

Year 2015-16				
S.No.	States/UTs	Funds released (in Rs. Lakhs)		
		Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total
1	Maharashtra	160.57	24.00	184.57
2	Chhattisgarh	25.72	0.00	25.72
3	Telangana	91.45	120.00	211.45
4	Uttar Pradesh	46.80	150.00	196.80
	Total	324.54	294.00	618.54

Year 2016-17 (as on 06.02.2017)				
S.No.	States/UTs	Funds released (in Rs. Lakhs)		
		Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total
1	Maharashtra	157.52	0.0	157.52
2	Tamil Nadu	168.15	150.00	318.15
3	Andhra Pradesh	09.00	10.00	19.00
4	Mizoram	20.85	15.00	35.85
5	Puducherry	22.41	15.0	37.41
6	Kerala	1.00	28.00	29.00

7	Uttar Pradesh	94.51	0.0	94.51
8	Tripura	43.2	0.0	43.20
9	Jammu & Kashmir	57.91	60.0	117.91
	Total	574.55	278.00	852.55

As per Medical Council of India’s Regulations on Graduate Medical Education, 1997 and Postgraduate Medical Education, 2000, no study on palliative care is included in the undergraduate and post-graduate curriculum. However, a course named “MD (Palliative Medicine)” is included in the Schedule of Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000.

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Sh Faggan Singh Kulaste stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here today.

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