

Faulty cancer treatment machines at AIIMS, New Delhi

‡2094. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hardships are being faced in treatment of patients due to faulty machines of cancer treatment in AIIMS, Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the delay in importing the testing kits of cancer treatment from other countries, timely treatment is not being provided to the patients;

(c) if so, the reasons behind machines being faulty and reasons for delay in procurement of machines;

(d) the action taken in this regard for solving the problems of patients who have come from all over country for treatment; and

(e) whether any one has been punished for this negligence and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Hardships are not being faced by the cancer patients coming to AIIMS due to faulty machines or delay in import/procurement of machines. The radiotherapy machines used for treatment of cancer patients are functional at Dr. BR Ambedkar Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital (Dr. BRAIRCH) of AIIMS and patients requiring radiotherapy are provided with the facility as per handling capacity. In addition to radiotherapy, a large number of cancer patients are also treated through surgery and administration of anti cancer drugs.

(e) No person has been punished as there has been no case of negligence in treating cancer patients at Dr. BRAIRCH.

***Healthcare infrastructure of backward districts of
Tamil Nadu***

2095. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified backward districts of Tamil Nadu having considerable population of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) which have weak public health infrastructure in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.