

- (x) Establishment of Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres to address severe and acute malnutrition.
- (xi) Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) has been recently launched. The initiative provides for absolute free treatment including drugs and diagnostics and to and fro transport to the sick neonates upto 30 days of the birth.
- (e) Question does not arise.

Non-functional brachytherapy machines in hospitals in Delhi

1020. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the brachytherapy machines used for internal radio-therapy for poor cancer patients at Lok Nayak Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi have not been in use for years and the one at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) stopped working recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there is no other Government hospital in Delhi where poor cancer patients can go for treatment; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to make these radiotherapy machines functional?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In so far as Safdarjung Hospital is concerned, due to inadequate number of the Physicists, the functioning of Brachytherapy machine alongwith two other cobalt units have been stopped on the directions of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).

As reported, the Brachytherapy machine in Lok Nayak Hospital was condemned in the year 2007 and decommissioned in 2008.

As far as Dr. BRA, IRCH (AIIMS) is concerned, all the machines used for internal (Brachytherapy) are working in AIIMS.

(c) and (d) In other two Central Government hospitals in Delhi, namely Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and Associated Hospital, no Brachytherapy machine is available.

Upon appointment of physicist in Safdarjung Hospital, these above stated machines would become functional, for the benefit of the patient.