

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1613
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2024**

REPLACEMENT OF OLD AND WORN OUT MACHINES

1613. #SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to replace old and worn out X-Ray, MRI, CT Scan, Ultrasound and other basic machines having been installed at the hospitals in various Himalayan States, like Himachal Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b) : The government, under National Health Mission (NHM), provides financial and technical support to the States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including engagement of Human Resources upto District Hospitals based on the proposal received from States/UTs in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) submitted by the States/UTs within their overall Resource Envelope. The procurement of new equipment or replacement is done by the respective State/UT as per the need assessment and the requirement. The requirement is projected in the respective annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) for financial support and approval of the Ministry.

Medical devices availability and its maintenance, particularly high-end diagnostic equipment like X-ray, MRI, CT scan, Ultrasound etc is important for improved access to diagnostics and reducing out of pocket expenditure for the patients. Thus the MoHFW launched the Biomedical Equipment Management and Maintenance Program (BEMMP) in 2015 with an objective to ensure equipment maintenance comprehensively for all equipment including X-ray, MRI, CT scan and Ultrasound available in public healthcare facilities, to improve the functionality and life of equipment, simultaneously improving healthcare services in public health facilities- reducing cost of care and improving the quality of care.

BEMMP is operational in 32 States/UTs including Himachal Pradesh. The said guideline, released in 2019, has the provision for equipment condemnation of beyond economic repair (BER)/ worn-out/ obsolete equipment, through a duly constituted expert committee.
