

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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RADIOTHERAPY TO CANCER

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

- (a) whether setting up more radiation therapy cobalt units is the only way to provide treatment for the cancer;
- (b) if so, the details to the steps taken by the Government to provide radiation therapy units in urban and rural areas of the country;
- (c) whether India is presently importing Cobalt Machine and Linear accelerator for providing radiotherapy to cancer patients;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the National Cancer Control Programme which is presently pitched against many odds is likely get a big boost by success of Sameer Projects of manufacturing of linear accelerator by indigenous technique;
- (f) if so, the details thereof the time by which this project is likely to be completed; and
- (g) the extent to which the national cancer control programme is likely to be helped by development of this Accelerator?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above..

(c)&(d): Efforts are on way to develop indigenous equipment.

(e)to(g): Sameer Project is for indigenous development of linear accelerator teletherapy machine in India by Ministry of Information Technology (Department of Electronics). Two Linear Accelerator will be developed in next 3-5 years and four more will be manufactured depending on the success of first two.