

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:709
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2002
ROBOTIC CENTRE AT AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the AIIMS, New Delhi has a proposal to establish a robotic centre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to start functioning;
- (c) the benefits to be derived from such a centre by the general public;
- (d) whether the Government propose to establish such robotic centre in other metros of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 709 FOR 15TH MAY 2002

AIIMS, New Delhi has a First Generation Robotic Technology facility at the Cardio-Thoracic Centre which is functional. AIIMS also has a proposal to establish the Second Generation Robotic Technology facility at its Cardio-Thoracic Centre. It is still at conceptual stage and would need assessment by the various Technical Committees and also requisite approvals before it can be taken up for implementation.

The robot assisted surgery in the field of medicine is a new development. It is very cost intensive and even in most developed countries, the technology is used in only special and emergent circumstances. It is expensive and a large percentage of the country's population may not be able to afford it.