

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

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MACHINES OUT OF ORDER IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that most of the machines in the Union Government run hospitals in the capital remain out of order causing embarrassment to the beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether any physical verification of such machines have been conducted by the Government in the past six months;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the cause of the frequent breakdowns of such machines have been ascertained;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper functioning of such machines?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (g) The total number of machines costing more than one lakhs and the non functional status of the same in respect of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Harding Medical College and Associated Hospitals is as under :-

Name of Hospital	No of equipment	Total number of non-functional equipment
Dr.R.M.L.Hospital	221	Nil
Safdarjung Hospital	361	02
LHMC & Associated hospitals	259	6

There is no frequent break down of machines. However, the machines may tend to become non-functional due to constant use, attributed to large number of patients and usual wear and tear. Immediate steps are being taken to get the machine repaired. Besides, monthly monitoring of non-functional equipment is also undertaken. Further, all the machines are put under Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC).