

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4599  
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002  
RATE OF ANESTHESIA  
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

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

- (a) whether as per MOHFW OM NO. F.No. Rec-24/2001/JD(M)/CGNLHI/CGHS(P) dated 7.9.2001, the approved rate of private diagnostic centres under CGHS is Rs. 5000/- for MRI cervical spine, an additional amount of Rs. 1000/- is also charged by the private diagnostic centres when MRI cervical spine is done under anaesthesia, this additional amount is not included in the approved list annexed to above referred OM of MoHFW;
- (b) whether Anesthesia charges being taken by the CGHS approved private diagnostic centres for MRI cervical spine special procedure @ Rs. 1000/- are refundable;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to include anesthesia charges for all kind of specialized procedure in the list of approved rates of CGHS; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

- (a): For MRI test, by and large Anaesthesia is not required and hence anaesthesia charges are not included under CGHS ceiling rates for MRI circulated vide Dept. of Health's O.M. dated 7.9.2001.
- (b) & (c): As per CGHS rules, if there is no prescribed CGHS rate for any procedure/investigation, then the reimbursement is to be limited to the AIIMS rates. Further, in case the ceiling rates for the particular procedure/investigation have also not been fixed under AIIMS, then the reimbursement is to be made as per actual.
- (d) & (e): At present, there is no proposal to include anaesthesia charges for all kinds of specialized procedures/tests in the ceiling of approved rates under CGHS.