

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4006
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USE OF TAP WATER FOR DIALYSIS IN S.J. HOSPITAL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that in the absence of a water purification plant the tap water is being used in conducting hemo-dialysis in the Safdarjung Hospital;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter in this regard alongwith its impact on the patients; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) Tap water is used in Safdarjung Hospital for haemodialysis after the same is treated by using deionizing machines. No adverse effects are noticed on the patients after dialysis. The reverse osmosis and deionizing machines are used for dialysis purposes and in both the process tap water is used. The procurement of reverse osmosis machine is also in process.