

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:174
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2000
AVAILABILITY OF CPAP DEVICE CGHS BENEFICIARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NASAL CPAP which is an essential life saving device for the patients of sleeping disorder disease;
- (b) if so, whether this device has been included in the reimbursement list for CGHS beneficiaries;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Head of the Department for the said disease in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi has also recommended for the above disease to a number of CGHS beneficiaries;
- (d) if so, the reasons for denying this essential device to the CGHS beneficiaries even after being prescribed the same by the specialists; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to include this device in the reimbursement list?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

- (a) Nasal CPAP machine is being advised by the Specialists to the patients who are diagnosed to be suffering from Sleep Apnoea Syndrome.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The domiciliary use of Nasal CPAP machine has not been recommended by the Committee of Experts constituted for this purpose.
- (e) In view of (d) above, the question does not arise.