

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

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FUNDS FOR PROCUREMENT OF MODERN EQUIPMENTS IN GOVT. HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether the funds allocated to Government Hospitals to procure modern equipments during the years 2003-2004 and 2004-05 have been utilised;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, hospital-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the MRI machines ,ventilators and other modern equipment could not be procured even after the tenders were floated;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to streamline the procurement procedure for essential equipment in the various hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (f) The purchase of costly equipments including imported equipments for the Central Government hospitals is carried out after following all the codal formalities laid down in the rules.

The funds allocated for the purchase under the sub head of Machinery & Equipment for Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals have been utilized. However, in case of Safdarjung Hospital, orders were placed for the procurement of C.T. Scan, MRI Cobalt Therapy Machines in the year 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. But the machines could not arrive in the respective years resulting in surrender of funds, however the equipments would be procured during the current year.

The procedure for procurement of costly equipments has been streamlined and the calendar of events have been circulated to the Central Government Hospitals.