

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:137
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DIALYSIS MACHINES IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the kidney patients requiring frequent dialysis are facing problems due to non-availability/inadequate maintenance of dialysis machines in the hospitals run by the Government;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to install more dialysis machines in these hospitals for the benefit of poor patients in Delhi;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the monitoring mechanism put in place to ensure availability/proper maintenance of these machines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 137 FOR 5TH MARCH, 2010

In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are concerned, the dialysis machines are there in Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

There are four haemodialysis machines in Safdarjung Hospital and five dialysis machines in Dr. RML Hospital. Each machine is serving on an average of 1 to 2 patients per day and about 550 patients in a year. During the last three years, 6212 kidney patients were haemodialyzed in Safdarjung Hospital and 8903 patients in Dr. RML Hospital.

The purchase of 14 more haemodialysis machines for two hospitals (i.e. 9 in Safdarjung Hospital and 5 in Dr. RML Hospital) has already been approved and tender process started. With this increase, the increase in kidney patients load can be taken care of by these additional machines.

To ensure proper maintenance of these machines, regular monitoring is carried out at the hospital level. Generally all machines are covered under annual maintenance contract. Monthly maintenance reports are submitted to the concerned Medical Superintendent for appropriate timely action.