

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

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CLOSURE OF RADIATION THERAPY UNITS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the radiotherapy units have been closed in several Government hospitals in the country including Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;and
- (c) the time by which these units are likely to be re-started?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): In the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, Radiotherapy Units are available only in Safdarjung Hospital for the treatment of cancer patients.

Out of the three units of Cobalt Machines, two units are not in operation since Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) had directed to stop operations of two Cobalt units due to inadequate number of Medical Physicists. However, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have already issued sanction for appointment of four Medical Physicists on contract basis based on the AERB guidelines.