

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1627
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2010
TREATMENT BY STEM CELLS
Premajibhai Dr. Solanki Kiritbhai

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

- (a) the names of the hospitals where stem cell therapy is being provided, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government pensioners and their dependents are entitled to get free treatment by stem cells in private hospitals which are on C.G.H.S. panel; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Stem Cell Therapy is not an approved mode of treatment. Only Bone Marrow Transplantation for haematological disorders and cancers, is an approved form of Stem Cell Therapy and which is in practice for past more than 20 yrs and is provided in most of the hospitals including AIIMS, PGI, CMC, etc. Stem Cell Therapy for other conditions/diseases is still to be proven safe and efficacious, hence, question does not arise of therapy being provided.

Government pensioners and their dependents are entitled to get cashless facility treatment in private hospitals which are on C.G.H.S panel, on the basis of advice by a Government specialist.