

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

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RADIO THERAPY UNITS

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

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

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c) No such information is maintained centrally.

So far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are concerned, one telecobalt machine is fully functional for the treatment of cancer patients in Safdarjung Hospital. The operation of two units of Cobalt machines ,and one unit of Brachytherapy has however been suspended by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) due to lack of medical physicists. For restarting the operation of the above units in Safdarjung Hospital appointment of one Medical Physicist has already been undertaken.