

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

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

- (a) whether a large number of hospitals across the country have run out of nuclear medicine affecting thousands of patients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to ensure adequate availability of cancer medicines isotopes to the patients at affordable rates?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Health is a State subject and such information is not maintained centrally. However, as far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and its Associated Hospitals are concerned, the Nuclear Medicine Department exists only in Safdarjung Hospital. The Nuclear Medicine Department in Safdarjung Hospital is regularly getting the radioisotopes (nuclear medicine) namely 99m Technetium for daily use (nuclear medicine scans) from Regional Centre, Board of Radiation and Isotope Technology (B.R.I.T), Department of Atomic Energy, Lucknow Road Timarpur, Delhi. However, treatment facility for treatment of cancer patients with radioisotopes cancer medicines is not available in Safdarjung Hospital at present.

(c) There is no such proposal at present, under consideration of the Government.