

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

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USER CHARGES IN AIIMS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to increase user charges for various services in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme for conducting endoscopy, biopsy, C.T. scan and other tests free of cost for Below Poverty Line card holders and poor patients in AIIMS and other hospitals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) & (b): There is no such proposal to increase user charges in AIIMS for any patients care diagnostics and therapeutic services to OPD or general patient in the hospital.
- (c) & (d): All diagnostics procedures as mentioned inter-alia endoscopy, biopsy, CT scan and other tests are done free of cost for Below Poverty Line (BPL) poor patients in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. S. K. Hospital, New Delhi, Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bangalore and Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry. Some of the hospitals also provide these services to poor patients either free of cost or on nominal rates.