

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TREATMENT OF EYES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is only one Refractionist available in Eye OPD, Safdarjung Hospital and patients have to wait for months to get their vision checked for spectacles etc;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of patients visited Eye OPD, Safdarjung Hospital during the last two years along with the details of waiting period in Safdarjung hospital for vision check and Phacoemulsification;
- (d) the number CGHS beneficiaries availed the services of Safdarjung Hospital, Centre for Sight and other CGHS empanelled private Hospitals for Phacoemulsification during each of the last three years;
- (e) whether the whole amount of Rs. 40,000/- charged for Phacoemulsification by the CGHS empanelled Centre for Sight is not reimbursed to CGHS beneficiaries as per the policy; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the reasons for not imposing any penalties on the Centre for Sight for charging in excess of the CGHS approved rates for the purpose in violation of Memorandum of Agreement?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Out of the four Refractionists in Safdarjung Hospital, only two Refractionists, one for general patients and one for CGHS patients, are available in Eye OPD. Of the remaining two, one of the Refractionists is on long leave due to chronic illness and other has been posted in Parliament Annexe.

(c) The details of the total number of patients visited Eye OPD in Safdarjung Hospital during the last two years is given below:

| Year | New Cases | Old Cases | Total |
|------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 2010 | 40799 | 16891 | 57690 |
| 2011 | 40508 | 15656 | 56164 |

There is no waiting period for vision check and Phacoemulsification in Safdarjung Hospital. However, the waiting period for vision testing/refraction is 2-4 weeks.

(d): No such information is maintained centrally.

(e) & (f) As per the terms and condition of empanelment and Memorandum of Agreement signed between Hospitals and CGHS, empanelled hospitals cannot charge more than the CGHS rates. As per records, no complaint of over charging by Centre for Sight from CGHS patients under going treatment with permission have been received.