

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

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

- (a) whether most of the equipments used in Indian hospitals are imported and hence the treatments are costly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for relying on imports;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to encourage cost-effective innovations for producing indigenous hospital equipments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Health being a State subject, no such information is maintained centrally.

As far as three Central Government Hospitals namely, Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC & its associated Hospitals and AIIMS are concerned, the imported as well as indigenous equipments are procured both from domestic and indigenous manufacturers after following the procedures as per the extant instructions/procedures. Some of the equipments are imported as they are not manufactured indigenously and are procured at a competitive price after floating advertised/global tender enquiry.

Treatment to the poor patients in these hospitals are provided free of cost. However, in case of other patients, minimal charges are levied for few specific procedures/investigations.