

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

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FUNCTIONING OF PHOTOTHERAPY MACHINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the phototherapy machines in the Government hospitals including in the Department of Dermatology in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital are out of order;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the time since when the above machine is out of order;
- (c) whether any alternative arrangement has been made for the patients requiring phototherapy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d):- Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally. However, in so far as Central Government hospitals viz LHMC & its associated Hospitals and Safdarjung Hospital are concerned, the phototherapy machines in Dermatology Department are functional. As far as Dr. RML Hospital is concerned, the Waldmann 7001k UVA and UVB (BB) Phototherapy unit is fully operational. However, the Waldmann UV-1000L available in the Hospital has not been functional since 16th July, 2012 due to problem in UVB (NB) emitting tubes. The Maintenance and Purchase Department of the Hospital has already initiated the process of procuring the new UVB (NB) tubes. The patients, who need UVB (NB), are given exposure to UVB (BB) in the Waldmann machine 7001K UVA and UVB (BB) Phototherapy unit which is fitted with UVB (BB) tubes, as an alternative arrangement.