

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

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DIALYSIS FACILITIES IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the kidney patients requiring frequent dialysis are facing problems due to non-availability/ inadequate maintenance of dialysis machines in the Central Government hospitals and its associated hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);
- (b) if so, whether all Central Government hospitals and its associated hospitals including AIIMS have their own dialysis facility;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to install adequate number of dialysis machines in all the Central Government hospitals and its associated hospitals including AIIMS and also monitoring mechanism put in place to ensure proper maintenance of these machines?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Among the three Central Government Hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Hospital, dialysis facilities is available in Safdarjung Hospital and are extended to all patients. Nephrology Department of the Hospital has 13 haemodialysis machines. All dialysis machines are in working condition and almost 25-26 dialysis procedures are done every day in two shifts. Dr. RML Hospital has small dialysis unit of five station which functions from 8.00 AM to 10 PM daily. At present they are only doing haemodialysis for the patients admitted in the hospital for any acute emergency. The dialysis facilities are not available in Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospital.

In AIIMS, the dialysis facilities are available and there is regular maintenance of dialysis machines. There is no problem faced by patients in AIIMS.

There is a well designated Equipment Maintenance Committee headed by Consultant level officer and the Committee is holding regular meetings for maintenance of equipment and reporting to Head of Institution and monitoring is done by Director General Health Services on monthly basis. Monitoring mechanism for machines is already in place in AIIMS.

As far as installation of adequate number of dialysis machines in Central Government Hospitals are concerned, expansion of existing facilities and creation of new facilities in the Hospitals is a continuous process and taken up in accordance with the requirement and availability of funds.