

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5158
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EXORBITANT CHARGING OF RADIOLOGY SERVICES
Pal Shri Jagdambika

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the exorbitant rates of radiology services such as MRI scans, CT scans, X-ray etc. being charged by private laboratories throughout the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed/ proposes to fix/put a cap on the rates of various radiology services being charged by these labs across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government sponsored laboratories offering radiology services in the country are adequate, if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the other measures being taken by the Government to ensure availability of various radiology services at affordable rates to the people across the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

- (a): Reports regarding exorbitant rates being charged for services including radiological services by private sector hospitals, laboratories, imaging centres, etc., have come to the notice of the Government.
- (b) & (c): The Government of India has notified Clinical Establishments Rules 2012 under Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010. In accordance with the said rules, the clinical establishments in the States / Union Territories where the said Act is applicable, would be required to charge the rates for each type of procedures and services within the range of rates determined by the Central Government from time to time in consultation with the State Governments. However, since health is a state subject, the enforcement of the Act/Rules is within the remit of the State Governments.
- (d) & (e): The Government/Government funded laboratories cannot fully meet the total requirement of radiology services. The details of shortage of such laboratory facilities are, however, not maintained centrally. The Central Government provides financial support to the States for strengthening health structures including diagnostic facilities.