

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF EQUIPMENT IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of various test machines/equipments in the Central Government controlled hospitals and its associated hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) as a result a large number of patients have to get diagnostic tests conducted from outside;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, hospital-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has also taken note of lack of sanitation and other basic amenities in these hospitals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, hospital-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to establish high-end test machines/equipments and to improve sanitation/other basic amenities in these hospitals?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): There are adequate number of test machines/ equipment available in AIIMS, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh, JIPMER, Puducherry and three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital, and Lady Hardinge Medical College & associated Hospitals. However, since the number of patients visiting these Hospitals/Institutes is quite large, some patients attended in OPD prefer to get requisite investigations done from outside due to time given for appointment to get the investigations done.

(c) & (d): Strict schedule of cleaning is maintained in three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi. Even mechanised cleaning is done in certain areas of these hospitals. Apart from regular employees, outsourced agencies are also being utilized for the purpose. Pest control work is done regularly. Regular training is provided to the sanitary workers. Regular and surprise rounds are taken by Sanitary Superintendent/ Manager (housekeeping) and Office-in Charge (Sanitation) to ensure cleanliness. Besides, weekly rounds are taken by Medical Superintendent. Teams from Dte.GHS visit these hospitals from time to time to inspect the overall functioning of these hospitals including sanitation and cleanliness.

In other institutes, sanitation and hygiene is also ensured under supervision of officer concerned.

In AIIMS, sanitation and hygiene is also ensured as per objectively determined Key Performance Indicators (KPI) by three levels of monitoring which include the staff of the user area, sanitation officer and supervisory staff of sanitation department. A dedicated committee has been constituted to conduct regular and random inspection of various areas. Further, meetings on regular intervals are conducted with all concerned staff/officers to monitor sanitation and in case, any shortcoming is found, necessary action is taken.

(e): Modernisation of a hospital is a continuous process and is taken up in accordance with the requirement and available resources.