

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1063  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2025**

**LONG WAITING PERIODS FOR SURGERIES IN AIIMS, NEW DELHI**

**1063 # SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:**

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

- (a) whether patients undergoing critical treatment at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi are being given long waiting periods for surgeries;
- (b) the number of patients, as on date, who have deposited the requisite amount for surgery at AIIMS but their surgeries are still pending; and
- (c) the number of patients suffering from heart, kidney, and liver diseases who have been given surgery dates exceeding one year?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c): The patients undergoing critical treatment in the Department of Ophthalmology, ENT, Paediatrics, Burns & Plastic, Urology and Dental at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, have no waiting period for surgery. The waiting period in General Surgery is up to 02 months and in Gynaecology, for critical cases of malignancy, the waiting period is up to 03 months. In Gastro-Intestinal surgeries while critical cases are prioritised, the maximum waiting period can be in the range between 03 to 06 months. In Cardio-Thoracic-Vascular Surgery & Neurosurgery, the critical and emergency cases are operated when required. However, the general waiting period for planned procedures can be up to 2 years due to heavy patient load. The number of patients waiting to be operated are 690 for Cardio-Thoracic-Vascular surgery, 1324 for Neurosurgery, 305 for Surgical Oncology and 28 for Cochlear Implant surgery. No patients with heart diseases have been given dates for surgery exceeding one year. No patients with end stage of kidney disease who has a renal donor has been given dates exceeding one year. There is no waiting period for surgeries of re-settable liver diseases. In cases of liver transplant, surgeries are dependent upon availability of donors.

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