

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3251  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020**

**WAITING PERIOD FOR USG, MRI AT AIIMS**

**3251. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that there is a huge shortfall of MRI machines, USG and other medical equipments in Government hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of MRI machines available in Government hospitals all over the country, State-wise and hospital-wise;
- (c) the minimum waiting time for the patient to avail MRI test in AIIMS Delhi and other Government hospitals in Delhi; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (d): Health being a state subject, such information is not maintained centrally.

As far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) and Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) and Associated Hospitals are concerned, there is no shortage of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Ultra Sound (USG) and other medical equipments. The number of MRI machines available in these Central Government hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi are as under:

<b>NAME OF THE HOSPITAL</b>	<b>NO. OF MRI MACHINES</b>
AIIMS, New Delhi	03
Safdarjung Hospital	02
RML Hospital	02
LHMC & Associated Hospitals	01

The waiting time for the patients to avail MRI tests in AIIMS, New Delhi and other Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are as under:

**AIIMS**

For the indoor-patients, the MRI is carried out within 72 hours. For casualty/emergency patients, the MRI is done within 2 to 4 hours. For routine outdoor patients, the waiting period is 1 month in case of Cardio Radiology, 9 months for Neuro Radiology and 9-12 months for Radio Diagnosis.

**RML Hospital**

The minimum waiting time for MRI test is one week for outdoor patient and 2-3 days for indoor patients; however the urgent cases of MRI are done immediately.

**Safdarjung Hospital**

Waiting time for indoor patients is maximum 2-3 days, The Out Patient waiting time is maximum 4 months.

**LHMC & Associated Hospitals**

Waiting time for in-patients is 01 to 07 days. For out-patients waiting time is 01 week to 06 months.

.....