

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2431  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016**

**ONCOLOGY DEPARTMENT IN HOSPITALS**

**2431. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that cancer patients suffering a lot due to non-functioning of radiotherapy machines at AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi for several months, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has received any complaints in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (d) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the function of oncology department in the above hospitals?

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

(a): Radiotherapy machines at AIIMS, New Delhi are functional. At Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, radiotherapy services were held up for want of approval of e-LORA registration of Radiological Safety Officer (RSO) from Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). Services have since been resumed w.e.f. 14.12.2015.

(b) & (c): No.

(d): Replacement process of old Radiotherapy Machines has been initiated at AIIMS, New Delhi. In Safdarjung Hospital, AERB guidelines are being followed for strengthening of Radiotherapy Department.

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