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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 499 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2016

CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY

499. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

- (a) whether the facility of capsule endoscopy is available in all the Central Government hospitals and if so, the details thereof, hospital-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has fixed any charges for getting capsule endoscopy done;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d): In so far as the three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital (SJH), Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (Dr. RMLH) and Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) & Associated Hospitals are concerned, no such facility is available in these hospitals. In so far as All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi is concerned, this Institute is providing the facility of Capsule Endoscopy. The charges for the same is around Rs. 12,000/-which only includes the cost of capsule. Since Health is a state subject, it is the responsibility of State Government/Union Territories to formulate such policy.

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