

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3378
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2016**

CHARGES FOR DENGUE TEST

3378. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that some private laboratories and hospitals in the capital and other metro cities are overcharging from the patients for dengue test, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action is being taken or proposed to be taken to stop such malpractices by the private laboratories and some hospitals, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): Yes. It was learnt from media reports and meeting with stakeholders that some private laboratories and hospitals are overcharging from the patients for dengue test.

To regulate the cost of diagnosis of dengue by the private laboratories and some hospitals, Government of India has taken action by issuing advisory to all States/UTs on 5th July, 2016 for capping the cost of dengue diagnostic tests in the private sector/hospitals to not more than Rs 600/- per test.