

Regarding Need to include Catheterization Laboratory facility in Jhalawar and Baran district hospitals of Rajasthan under NPCDCS- Laid

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR-BARAN): I wish to bring to the attention of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that both Jhalawar and Baran districts in Rajasthan lack catheterisation laboratories (Cath Labs) in their respective district hospitals. As a result, patients suffering from heart-related emergencies are compelled to travel over 100-150 kilometres, often to Kota, for urgent cardiac intervention such as angiography or angioplasty. This delay critically hampers timely treatment and poses a serious risk to life. This situation reflects a deeper gap in emergency cardiac care infrastructure in many semi-urban and aspirational districts of India. While the burden of non-communicable diseases like cardiovascular conditions is rising rapidly in rural India, essential tertiary infrastructure has not kept pace. I urge the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare to consider the inclusion of at least one Cath Lab facility each in Jhalawar and Baran under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), so that timely, affordable cardiac care can be made available to all citizens of the region.