

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FACILITIES IN DISTRICT HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the district hospitals across the country do not have CT Scan and Echo machines;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to give assistance to the States for upgrading the district level hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c) Health being a state subject, it is for the State Governments to provide necessary medical facilities in their hospitals according to their need/priorities within the available resources.

On the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission, financial assistance of Rs. 3 crores per diagnostic centre was provided to the State Governments for establishment of regional diagnostic centres @ one centre for every four districts. The funds were to be utilized for procurement of various equipments such as Electro-Cardiogram (ECG) machine, Tread Mill, Electro-Encephalogram (EEG) mode machine, X-Ray Machine, Ultrasound machine, Computerised Tomography (CT) Scan machine, Clinical Pathology Laboratory, Operation Theatre (Major), Operation Theatre (Minor), Equipment & buildings for maternal & Child Health Care.