

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN USER CHARGES BY AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether AIIMS has increased the user charges for tests and procedures;
- (b) if so, whether the poor patients are ignorant of the procedure regarding exemption of charges extended to them by AIIMS;
- (c) if so, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the number of poor patients treated free by AIIMS during the last three years and the quantum of expenditure incurred thereon, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) The user fees for tests and procedures have been rationalized. There is also been some increase in the charges due to increase in the cost of consumables.
- (b) & (c) The procedure for exemption of charges to poor patients has been there for quite sometime. Accordingly, the poor patients are aware of the procedure.
- (d) The information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.