

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether well equipped investigation facilities like MRI, Digital X-rays are available for outdoor patients in the Safdarjung and the RML Hospitals;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether CGHS beneficiaries are required to obtain permission first from their dispensaries for availing investigation facilities in the private hospitals/diagnostic centres recognized under CGHS;
- (d) if so, there is any proposal to allow beneficiaries to get these facilities directly from the CGHS recognized hospitals/centres on the basis of the prescription of the doctors of the Government hospitals;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether senior citizens are not given preference in the examination by doctors; and
- (g) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Well equipped investigation facilities like X-ray & MRI facilities are available for all indoor and outdoor patients in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.
- (e) To keep a check on the expenditure on diagnostic tests especially when such tests facilities are available in the Government Hospitals/polyclinics, etc. CGHS beneficiaries have to get permission to get diagnostic tests carried out in private hospitals/diagnostic centers recognized under CGHS.
- (f) & (g) The Senior Citizens are given priority by doctors in examining them. There is a separate counter for them for registration.