

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

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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL

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

- (a) whether the number of doctors in Cardiology Department of Safdarjung Hospital is less than sanctioned resulting into longer time for the patients to be examined the treated ;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to appoint more doctors so as to fill-up the deficiencies in their strength ;
- (c) whether a 20 year old patient died recently in Safdarjung Hospital for want of defibrillator;
- (d) if so, the reasons for not having sufficient number of defibrillators ;
- (e) whether the Head of Department of Cardiology refused to comment on the circumstances leading to the tragic death of a youngster ;
- (f) : if so, the reasons for him not commenting on the technical aspect of the tragedy; and
- (g): the action proposed to be taken against the Cardiology Head ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Due to the instructions of the Government, the Department of Personnel & Training vide their O.M. No.2/8/2001-PIC dated 16.5.2001, prescribing a limit that the Direct Recruitment can be resorted only against 1/3rd of the vacancies arising in a year subject to a further ceiling of 1% of the total sanctioned strength, this Department is not in a position to fill up all the posts of doctors in various Government hospitals including the posts of Cardiologists in Safdarjung Hospital. As it has been found difficult to apply these instructions for vacancies in health Sector, Department of Health has already taken up the matter at the highest level seeing exemption of technical/scientific posts from the purview of the DOPT instructions dated 16.5.2001 so that the shortage of manpower is met.

(c) to (g): As per the information from Safdarjung Hospital, the patient was operated in the Department of Cardio Thoracic and Vascular Surgery in Safdarjung Hospital and he died of thrombus occlusion of Mitral Valve Prosthesis leading to pulmonary edema and cardiogenic shock. He did not require defibrillation.