

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2134  
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RUSTED MACHINES USED IN SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that rusted machines are being used in Safdarjung Hospital for the treatment of cancer patients as has been telecast by Aaj Tak TV news channel on February 23, 2005 and as reported in the Dainik Jagran dated February 25,2005 ;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): It is not a fact that rusted machines are used for the treatment of cancer patients in Safdarjung Hospital as per the telecast by Aaj Tak TV news channel on 23.02.05 and also news reported in Dainik Jagran dated 25.02.05. The photograph of the equipment shown in the Aaj Tak News is a condemned cobalt machine Eldorado-8 unit awaiting dismantling and disposal and it does not have cobalt source. The Cancer patients receive radiotherapy from Theratron-780 C unit which is fully functional. The Dosimeter is available in the Radiotherapy department.