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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **AERB shuts down operation of some of the medical diagnostic X-Ray facilities at Bengaluru owing to non-compliances**

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has suspended the operation of some of the medical diagnostic facilities at Bengaluru, which were not complying with the specified regulatory and radiation safety requirements. AERB has sealed the diagnostic X-ray equipment at eight diagnostic centers in the city following a surprise inspection carried out by its experts on many facilities during August 19 & 20, 2015. The sealed equipment include three Computed Tomography (CT) scanners, two mammography, one OPG and seven X-ray machines.

The equipment sealed were found to be operating without complying with the mandatory requirement of obtaining the requisite License and Registration from AERB, as per the provisions of the Atomic Energy (Radiation Protection) Rules, 2004. The Rules prohibit setting up and operating any CT/IR equipment without obtaining the requisite 'License', whereas a Registration is mandatory for the general diagnostic X-ray facilities. Though the X-ray equipment are of low radiation hazard potential, it is important that they are installed and operated in accordance with the radiological safety requirements specified by AERB. AERB issues the requisite Licence/Registration after ensuring that they conform to the specified safety requirements.


AERB's action at Bengaluru follows the recent drive initiated against the errant medical diagnostic facilities that are operating in violation of the regulatory and safety requirements. AERB had earlier acted against a number of medical X-ray diagnostic facilities in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Jaipur, Nagpur, Raipur, Pune, Chennai and Hyderabad. AERB will be continuing to take similar action in other places in the country as well.

Though the country has a large number of medical diagnostic X-ray facilities many of them have not been registered with AERB. AERB has initiated a number of steps to improve compliance by the X-ray facilities to the provisions of the Rules as well as the specified safety requirements in the recent times. This is important to ensure radiation safety for the persons

operating these equipment as well as the patients who make use of them. In order to ease the procedures for filling of applications and obtaining the Registration/Licence, AERB has launched a state-of-art e-licensing system (e-LORA on AERB website at [www.aerb.gov.in](http://www.aerb.gov.in)). AERB has started a series of outreach programs for these facilities emphasizing the importance of obtaining the requisite registration and license. The programme of surprise inspections and closure of the non-compliant facilities / equipment is coming on the back of such efforts from AERB.

AERB is once again advising all those medical diagnostic X-ray facilities that are presently operating in the country, without the valid Licence / Registration from AERB to immediately obtain the Licence / Registration, by filing an application through AERB's internet based e-licensing system (e-LORA).

AERB also advises the public not to patronize the X-ray facilities which are not having valid Licence / Registration issued by AERB.

  
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