



**High Commission of India
Lilongwe**

Press Release

Subject: Gifting of Bhabhatron Cancer Treatment Equipment to Malawi

Honourable Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu today announced during the Delegation Level Talk with Government of Malawi that Government of India has approved the proposal for gifting of one Radiotherapy Telecobalt Unit called (Bhabhatron-II), for the upcoming Cancer Treatment Hospital in Kamuzu Central Hospital, which would be completed in mid-2019. Government of India, would ensure that the necessary technical training in handling such sophisticated medical equipment is imparted to Malawi Doctors and Radiologists. India has always strived to develop the in-house Human Resource Capacity of friendly countries such a Malawi.

Bhabhatron-II is an advanced gamma beam therapy unit to deliver precision dose delivery for radical treatments. Such as Three-dimensional conformal radiotherapy (3-D CRT); Intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT); with enhanced features like motorized wedge, auto-setup, computer console, advanced radiolucent patient couch, R&V compatibility, auto-closure mechanism during emergency. Bhabhatron-II tele-therapy solution has got rave review from radiotherapy community for being highly affordable when clinics across the geographies are deterred by capital-intensive radiotherapy installations and its subsequent running-cost.

The primary objective of the Government of India, to set up the Advanced State of the Radiotherapy facility in Malawi called – BHABHATRON-II TAW is to cater to the needs of the Malawian cancer patients who cannot afford expensive treatment abroad. Although India is still a developing country, but it strives to share the fruits of its development with friendly countries like Malawi.

The Government of India and the High Commission are confident that this would give further momentum to the already strong bilateral and people to people relations between India and Malawi.

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