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AERB shuts down operation of non-compliant medical diagnostic X-Ray facilities in Dehradun, Mussourie, Rishikesh, Paonta sahib and Chandigarh.

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has carried out surprise inspections during October 9th to 13th 2017 of Government and Private Medical diagnostic X-ray facilities in major cities in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh. This is a part of the AERB campaign to bring about increased compliance to regulatory requirements for radiation safety in the medical diagnostic facilities across the country. The non-compliant institutions faced seal of equipment or warning depending on their severity. AERB sealed 13 X-ray equipment in 15 hospitals and issued warning to 20 others.

The X-ray equipment sealed by AERB officers 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.

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. The requisite Licence /Registration is granted by AERB after ensuring that they conform to regulatory requirements, which ensure radiation safety of x-ray technologists, radiological medical practitioners, patients and general public.

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

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

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