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Title: Regarding deaths of children in Kalawati Saran Hospital in Delhi and take steps to improve medical facilities.

**PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, this House has already been exercised over the death of children in the S.K. Medical College and Hospital, Muzaffarpur. The death toll has touched 150. Though the Health Minister went there, so far, he has not made any statement in this House on the reason of death of many children.

Now, new facts have come to light about the Central Government-run Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, which is a super-speciality hospital in Delhi. It is reported that in six years over 6,000 child deaths were reported at Kalawati Hospital which is a referral hospital for children from all over India. The most common cause of death at the hospital include premature births, respiratory infections, septicaemia and other infections and 50 per cent of the deaths are reported in the first 48 hours of admission, which indicates a serious condition of the people. The infrastructure in the Kalawati Saran Hospital are inadequate to meet the demands of the patients. In this case, I think the Government of India can take a lesson from West Bengal, where the Government under Mamata Banerjee have set up a large number of SNCUs and have brought down the number of child deaths drastically and have also brought down MMR drastically.

The Government should make efforts to improve the facilities in the Central Government-run Hospital in Delhi and take steps throughout the country to reduce child deaths due to inadequate facilities.

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