

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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DIRECTIONS BY CPCB TO HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has issued directions to all the States and Union Territories in regard to destroying hospital wastes so that it does not become a carrier of fatal diseases like AIDS ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a), (b) & (c): According to the information received from the Central Pollution Control Board, instructions have been issued to all the State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees to initiate necessary action against hospitals/nursing homes who are not complying with the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has also taken up the matter with respective Governments of States and Union Territories.