

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL POLICY ON PATIENTS SAFETY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to launch a National Policy on Patients Safety;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith features thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said Policy is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal to launch a National Policy on Patients Safety so far. However, the Government of India has taken up patient safety issues in the form of a Hospital Patient Safety Initiative, under which Patient safety Committees have been formed in three central government hospitals in Delhi namely, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & its associated hospitals. The Patient Safety committee is headed by Medical Superintendent or Additional Medical Superintendent. Beside, Hospital experts, the members of committee also include representative of a Non Govt. Organization. One Journalist and one patient or his/her attendant.

These hospitals conduct meetings of their patient safety committees to review the various patient safety related issues including adverse events reported and take corrective actions. Records of all meetings of patient safety committees are maintained.