

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BHOPAL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bhopal Memorial Hospital and Research Centre was set up for providing health care services to the victims of Bhopal Gas Disaster;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date of establishment of the said centre;
- (c) whether allegations of clinical trials on patients have been levelled against the said hospital;
- (d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and
- (e) the details of any inquiry conducted/ being conducted by the Government in this regard alongwith the name of the agency by which the inquiry was/is being conducted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) & (b) Bhopal Memorial Hospital and Research Centre (BMHRC) was set up under BMHT for providing health care services to victims of Bhopal gas tragedy and population of Bhopal at large.

The first Mini Unit (Outreach Centre) was started in April,1998.BMHRC was commissioned in July, 2000.

(c) & (d) There were news reports about the Clinical drug trials which were conducted from 2004 and then stopped in 2008 at MBHRC. However, till date MBHRC has not received any complaint from any patient regarding clinical drug trial. The BMHRC undertook 8 clinical gtrials from 2004 to August, 2008.

(e) Following newspaper reports and reports in print and electronic media regarding the clinical drug trials, an inquiry has been instituted by the Secretary, Health, Government of Madhya Pradesh on 16th June, 2010.