

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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END OF LIFE CARE SERVICES

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the end-of-life care services available in the country are not upto the mark;
- (b) if so, the facts and details in this regard and the reasons therefor longwith the comparative position of India vis-À -vis other countries to this effect;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of a report on the quality of Death Index in India;
- (d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide better end-of-life care facilities in the country?

Answer

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

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes.

(d) Economist Intelligence Unit has recently published report "The Quality of Death: Ranking end-of-life care across the world", in which India has been placed at number 40 as far as " quality of death" is concerned.In this report, quality of death has been quantified by the Index rankings by examination of complex cultural, ethical and sociological issues connected to dying.(e) The Government of India is making all round efforts to improve the life expectancy and enhancement of Healthcare spending though health care programmes like National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and various other schemes of this Ministry.