

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

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HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are high incidences of hospital acquired infections in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has conducted any study in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Such information is not maintained centrally.

(c) & (d): The Indian Council of Medical Research has not conducted any study on nosocomial infections. However, ICMR has funded five studies focused on the microbiology type of the organism since 2000 on nosocomial infections. None of these studies have assessed the burden of nosocomial infections.

(e) National Guidelines on Hospital waste Management based on Bio-medical waste (Management & Handling) Rules were developed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and distributed to all States/Union Territories in the year 2002 for implementation. In so far as the three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi namely, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Harding Medical College & associated hospitals are concerned, stringent patient safety and infection control standards are followed.