

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

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF PATIENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether incidences regarding sexual harassment of patients in All India Institute of Medical Sciences and other medical institutes have been reported during the last three years and current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, hospital-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the effective steps taken by the Government to check such incidents and penalize erring doctors and other employees;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide counselling, assistance and compensation to victimized patients and also to set up grievance redressal cell for the said victims in hospitals; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the further steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (e): Yes. In so far as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi is concerned one complaint from a lady patient against one medical officer, an employee of Delhi Tapedik Unnmulan Samiti, posted at DOT Centre of AIIMS was received in the year 2010. The said complaint was enquired into by the Committee for addressing complaints of harassment of women at AIIMS. Since the medical officer concerned was an employee of Delhi Tapedik Unnmulan Samiti, the report of the committee has been sent to the Director, Delhi Tapedik Unnmulan Samiti for taking action against him with the direction that he may also be withdrawn from the institute. Similarly, another complaint has been received in the year 2011 alleging sexual abuse of a minor child by a senior resident in the Department of Neurosurgery, AIIMS. The matter has been enquired and based on the inquiry report, the Senior Residency of the concerned Doctor has been terminated.

As regards other medical institutions like Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Smt. S.K. Hospital, New Delh, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, NEIGRIHMS, Shillong etc., no such complaints have been received during last three years.

Stern action is taken against the erring doctors and employees such matters.