

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

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DISPOSAL OF BIO-MEDICAL WASTE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has been working for promoting scientific methods for disposal of bio-medical waste to improve the standards of health delivery system and minimise the risk of exposure to harmful objects at public and private health care institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the funds earmarked and spent for this purpose during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes. Under the Environment Protection Act, 1986, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India notified Bio-Medical Waste ( Management & Handling) Rules, 1998, as amended from time to time, to provide a regulatory framework for segregation, transportation, storage, treatment and disposal of the bio-medical waste generated from the Health Care Facilities (HCFs) in the country so as to avoid adverse impact on human health and environment. Treatment and disposal options for different waste categories have been prescribed under the Rules. Operation and emission standards have also been prescribed for bio-medical waste treatment equipments.

Based on these rules, National Guidelines on Hospital Waste Management were developed by this Ministry and distributed to all States/Union Territories in 2002.

In addition, a National Policy document and Operational Guidelines for Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Sub-centres have also been developed by Ministry of Health and Family welfare in 2007, for implementation of Infection Management and Environment Plan (IMEP) under Reproductive and Child Health Programme phase-II, to address the issues relating to infection control and waste management.

In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are concerned regular training programmes are conducted in Bio-medical waste management for all categories of Health workers to bring awareness about scientific methods for disposal of bio-medical waste and minimise the risk of exposure to harmful objects.

(b) & (c): Such Information is not maintained centrally as 'Health' is a State subject.