

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

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CASES OF ACID ATTACK  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been increase in the number of acid attack cases reported in the country and the victims are facing lot of difficulties for getting extensive treatment;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to provide free treatment to the victims and launch insurance scheme to cover the cost of surgery;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is facing shortage of plastic surgeons;
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government to fill the vacant posts of plastic surgeons; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Health being a state subject, such information is not maintained centrally. In so far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, namely, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and its associated hospitals are concerned, there were only 2 cases of Acid attack reported in Safdarjung Hosital and 4 cases in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital during the last year. Such patients are given free treatment in these hospitals without any difficulty.

(d) to (f) There is no shortage of Plastic Surgeons in Safdarjung and Dr. R.M.L. Hospitals. As and when vacancy arises, process for filing up posts is initiated. Department of Burns (Plastic Surgery) is not available in Lady Hardinge Medical College.