

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

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

- (a) whether sub-standard medical equipments are being procured for Government Hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the amount spent on procurement of such medical equipments during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to put the life saving equipments in hospitals in good working conditions;
- (d) whether any casualties have been reported due to the use of sub-standard medical equipments, if so, the details of such casualties during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has circulated any guidelines to the State Governments under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for compulsory disclosure of procurement and maintenance schedule of hospital equipments procured from NRHM funds; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the States complying with the advise of the Union Government?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally. However, in so far as the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, namely, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC &

Associated Hospitals are concerned, there is no such instance of procurement of sub-standard medical equipment. In these hospitals Medical Equipments are procured as per the instructions contained in GFR, 2005, guidelines issued by the Central Vigilance Commission and Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare from time to time. The status of functioning of medical equipments costing more than Rs.1 lakhs is reviewed by the Directorate General of Health Services on monthly basis. No case of casualty has been reported due to the use of sub-standard equipments in these three Central Government Hospitals.

(e) & (f) No such guidelines have been circulated.