

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

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AUTOPSIES BY TRAINED DOCTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the non-professionals perform autopsies in morgues instead of trained doctors in most hospitals;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has prescribed any code of procedure for autopsy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage medical officers to perform autopsies?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)to(d) `Health` being a state subject, no such information is maintained centrally. However, as far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are concerned, autopsies are done in Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC & Smt. S.K. Hospital by trained doctors only and not by non-professionals.