

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PATIENT MEAL AND OTHER FOOD ITEMS IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the meals and other food items meant of patients of Government hospitals in Delhi and other cities do not reach them, instead these are misutilised by the Hospital staff;
- (b) if so, the number of Departmental Inquiries instituted against the erring persons, hospital-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to stop such irregularities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (c): Health is state subject and it is responsibility of the State Government to make proper arrangement for ensuring that the meals and food items to patients of Government hospitals under their control are distributed to them and not misutilised by the Hospital staff. However, as far as three Central Government Hospitals namely, Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC & its associated Hospitals are concerned, no such incident has come to the notice of these hospitals in recent time.