

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:194
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TOUT MENACE IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of mushrooming of tout menace in various Government hospitals across the country particularly in Delhi, cheating poor patients and duping their hard earned money;
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents reported from various Government hospitals during the last three years across the country, State-wise and hospital-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the results achieved therefrom so far?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 194 FOR 24TH AUGUST, 2012

Since Health is a state subject, no such information is maintained centrally. It is the responsibility of the State Governments to ensure easy access of people to healthcare facilities.

However, a news report with headlines 'Hospitals stronghold of brokers' has come to the notice of this Ministry, which, inter alia, states that brokers are active in the Hospitals of East Delhi. This issue has been brought to the notice of Government of NCT of Delhi.

In so far as three Central Government hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Harding Medical College and its associated hospitals are concerned, no such case has come to the notice. However, the above Hospital authorities has taken various security measures which include constant vigil with the help of CCTV cameras including OPD and Registration areas; posting of security guards round the clock in all vital areas, putting up of posters in the important places in the hospital warning the people against touts/unknown persons.