

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

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HOSPITAL INDUCED INFECTION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of hospital induced infection in various Government hospitals including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Intensive Care Units (ICUs);
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes. In so far as Central Government run hospitals, in Delhi, are concerned, the steps taken include constitution of hospital infection control committee (HICC) which keeps a check on hospital acquired Infection through surveillance activities. It ensures strict adherence to safe infection control protocols, by hospitals and hospital staff of all categories. As and when such occurrence of Hospital Induced Infections are detected, appropriate measures such as communication with the Doctor-In-Charge, laboratory diagnosis of cases by testing of appropriate clinical samples, testing of environmental samples, surveillance of health care workers for tracing of source of Infection and control, by appropriate measures, are immediately undertaken, to contain and arrest the further spread of such infections.