

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

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STEALING OF NEWBORN INFANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of incidents of stealing of newborn infants from various Government hospitals in the country during the last three years till date, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the action taken by the Government against the persons involved/found guilty in the above incidents; and
- (c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to check such incidents in future as well as to strengthen the safety measures in hospitals?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally. In so far as Central Government hospitals viz. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, LHMC & its associated Hospitals and Safdarjung Hospital are concerned, there is only one case of missing of baby reported on 10th October, 2009 in Safdarjung Hospital. A report regarding this patient was lodged in Police. After inquiry it was found that the baby was voluntarily given in lieu of gratification in the form of money and clothes. The steps taken in this regards include keeping a watch by Security Guards, installation of CCTV cameras for surveillance, etc.