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PAEDIATRIC SURGERY IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India hosted the Third World Congress of Paediatric Surgery in Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof and response received so far from each of the participating countries; and
- (c) the funds spent in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): Yes. The third World Congress of Paediatric Surgery was held in Delhi on Oct 21-24, 2010.

(b) The conference was organized under the auspices of World Federation of Paediatric Surgeons (WOFAPS) along with the 4th Congress of the Federation of Association of Paediatric Surgeons from SAARC nations (FAPSS) and the 36th annual conference of the Indian Association of Paediatric Surgeons. Brief outcome of this conference is as below:

The theme of the conference was "Meeting of World Minds – Striving for Excellence in Surgical Child Care".

The congress had included wide spectrum of scientific deliberations in the field of fetal surgery, transplant programs, burns, research, VUR, MIS, Stem cell and tissue engineering.

There were 22 lectures, 9 symposia, 368 free paper presentations, 6 "Meet the expert" sessions, 26 videos and 307 poster presentations.

It was attended by 772 paediatric surgeons, 119 guest faculty, 50 WOFAPS fellows from India and 83 other countries.

(c): The provisional expenditure on this conference was Rs 45.5 lakh for organizing scientific program, accommodation, transport, audio visual, TA/DA, mailing, printing, publications, hospitality etc.