

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

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CASES OF STERILISATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of a large number of reported cases of failure, complications and deaths due to sterilization in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating such cases reported during each of the last three years and current year and the action taken against the erroneous doctors, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) the compensation paid to the victims during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government for ensuring safe sterilization procedure in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Government has taken note of the reported cases of failure which are not large in number compared to cases performed and are implementing a Family Planning Insurance Scheme. State-wise details of reported deaths, failure of sterilizations and complications and compensation paid to the sterilization accepters for the last three years and the current year are annexed.

The matter has been taken up with the Health Secretaries of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, to review the performance of doctors in respect of quality and ensure remedial action through effective monitoring of such cases through the State Quality Assurance Committee.

(d) In the light of directions of the Hon. Supreme Court ,dated 01.03.2005,in Civil Writ Petition No. 209/2003,Ramakant Rai vs UOI, Government of India have formulated and disseminated the following guidelines for conducting safe sterilization operations as mentioned below:

1. Standards for female and male sterilisation services(2006)
2. Quality Assurance Manual for sterilization services(2006)
3. Standard Operating Procedures for sterilization services in camps (2008).
4. Operational guidelines on Fixed Day Static (FDS) approach for sterilization services under under the Family Planning Programme(2008).

These guidelines provide comprehensive instructions not only for counselling, screening and managing sterilization clients before, during and after the procedures but also prescribe required supplies including drugs, equipment and hygienic standards mandatory for safe and ethical conduct of sterilization operations. These guidelines are required to be adhered to in all cases of sterilizations performed.