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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unscrupulous doctors are conducting unnecessary surgeries such as hysterectomies etc. to claim money under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter; and

(d) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years along with the action taken against such doctors year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALUKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (d): Various News items have appeared in Newspapers regarding hysterectomy operations performed by the Hospitals in the States of Chhattisgarh and Bihar on the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) patients just to corner the money from Insurance Companies, even when it was not required medically. Keeping in view the seriousness of charges, a Central Team was constituted in the Ministry of Labour & Employment to visit the States of Chhattisgarh and Bihar, to ascertain facts in the context of the media reports and visit the concerned Districts also to interact with the officials, insurance company representatives, hospitals and other related persons. The Central Team visited the States of Chhattisgarh and Bihar in the third and fourth week of August 2012 and submitted its findings to the Ministry. The overall observation of the Central Team is that RSBY is not a 'reason' for the hysterectomy surgeries being done on the patients, which is otherwise also being performed in the State of Chhattisgarh and Bihar in case of non-RSBY patients.

However, as a precautionary measure for RSBY cases, Ministry of Labour & Employment has issued an advisory to the States/UTs that for all Hysterectomy operations to be performed by the Hospitals on women less than 40 years of age, prior approval (Authorization letter) of the Insurance Company has to be taken before the operations are conducted.