

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INFANTS DEATHS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of infants in Delhi's Government hospitals including Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital die every month;
- (b) if so, the number of women and infants who died during delivery during the last three years and till date, with details thereof year-wise and hospital-wise;
- (c) the details of the effective steps proposed to be taken/being taken by the Government to check negligence/ carelessness on the part of the doctors/nurses and also to ensure that all the healthcare facilities are provided to pregnant women promptly on urgent basis; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to put in place better and advance techniques in future in tackling the delivery cases?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): In so far as three central Government Hospitals namely Sadarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and Hospital are concerned, the details of infant death and women died during delivery during 2009, 2010 and 2011 are given in Annexure I. As far as Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital (SGMH) under the Government of NCT of Delhi is concerned, the details of total number of deliveries, maternal death and still births (intra uterine death and fresh still birth) during 2009, 2010 and 2011 are also given in Annexure I.

(c) & (d): Various measures are taken in respect of above stated Central Governments to ensure good and prompt healthcare services to pregnant women and to check negligence/carelessness on the part of Doctors and Nurses which include education of both healthcare providers and general public, proper antenatal checkup and post natal follow up for both mother and child, conduct of medical procedures by competent personnel and using appropriate equipment in labour rooms and Nurseries. Also mortality review committee exists in hospitals to analyze the deficiencies if any and suggest improvement in future.

The Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital under the Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that each maternal death is audited from time to time to identify the cause/negligence and steps that are taken in accordance with the outcome. It has also been informed by the SGMH that efforts are also made to arrest the infant mortality rate and maternal mortality ratio.