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

- (a) whether Intensive Care Units (ICUs) in Government hospitals have become a hotbed of infection;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of patients in the ICUs of various hospitals in the country who get infected with one or the other disease, State/ UT-wise during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to control such of the possibilities in ICUs in the hospitals?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally. However, in so far as three Central Government Hospital in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & associated Hospitals are concerned, patients admitted in ICUs are in serious condition and often come from outside the hospital with infections. These sick patients often require multiple interventions like Urinary catheter, Oxygen catheter, tracheotomy, IV lines etc which increases the chances of infection. However these procedures are sanitized and carried out under aseptic conditions.

In these hospitals, there are well equipped ICUs where all the possible hospital infection control practices are followed strictly. There is a Hospital Infection Control Committee and a team who monitor the implementation of these practices on regular basis.

Doctors are educated to use the antibiotics judiciously to prevent antibiotic resistance.

Regular training programmes by the Infection Control Team are also held for all the categories of Health Care Workers. The prescribed guidelines for the disposal of bio-medical waste of the hospitals are also followed and monitored.