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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch a National Patients Safety Policy and National Infection Control Policy to provide patients with a safer health care environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Indian clinical epidemiology network has plans to undertake the country's first ever study to gauge the magnitude of the problem;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken to reduce the deaths due to Medical negligence?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The Government of India has taken up patient safety issues in the form of a new initiative – "Patient Safety Project" which was launched on 14.09.2009.

The project aims at providing:

- # successful and healthy outcome of patient care; and
- # availability of expert and advanced medical care for patients

Under the "Patient Safety Project", Patient Safety committees have been formed in three Central Government hospitals in Delhi. These committees review various patient safety issues, adverse events reported, actions taken therein etc., on monthly basis.

India Clinical Epidemiology Network (India CLEN), in partnership with AIIMS, New Delhi and PGIMER, Chandigarh has developed a study proposal to estimate,
(i) the burden of medication errors,
(ii) errors in resuscitation and
(iii) the adverse events including death following the treatment practices. The study aims at identifying the determinants of medical errors so that appropriate interventions can be designed and implemented.