

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

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DEATH DUE TO MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has much research data on the occurrence of preventable errors in medical negligence across the country; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Not much data on the occurrence of preventable errors in medical negligence across the country is available. However, a nationwide comprehensive study (2002-2004) 'Assessment of Injection Practices in India' was conducted by the India Clinical Epidemiology Network (India CLEN) for Department of Family Welfare, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As per the study, injection practices of nearly two-thirds of the injections administered in India were found to be unsafe.

Government of India has taken up patient safety issues on priority basis in the form of pilot project under which Patient Safety Committees have been formed in three Central Government institutions in Delhi namely Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & associated Hospitals.

These Committees have started monitoring of the preventable errors, through analysis of 'Adverse Events' reported.