

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

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CONDITION OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether non-availability of potable water and poor sanitation facilities have resulted in spread of infection among patients in the recent past in the Government controlled hospitals and its associated medical institutes including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, hospital-wise;
- (c) the number of complaints/suggestions received from various quarters in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, hospital-wise; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Since Health is a State subject, no such information is maintained centrally. As far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & associated Hospitals are concerned, adequate potable water is available in these hospitals. Proper sanitation is maintained in these hospitals by way of engaging regular and outsourced sanitary workers using manual and wherever possible mechanical means. Pest control work is regularly carried out.

These hospitals are providing health care to huge number of patients not only from Delhi and NCR regions but also patients from far flung States. In case of any complaint regarding sanitation, the matter is solved on priority.

In AIIMS, there is ample water dispensing points which supply treated water through water coolers to the patients and their attendants. AIIMS has a decentralized system for maintenance of Hospital sanitation and hygiene under the supervision of Sister-in-charge, Ward and Nursing Officers along with Sanitation officers. All the areas of Institute are inspected regularly by the Faculty, Hospital Administration In-charge and Medical Superintendent.

Adequate sanitation and provision of safe drinking water is ensured in all these institutions including PGIMER, Chandigarh.