

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

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PATIENTS LEFT IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the incidents of patients being abandoned by their relatives in hospitals across the country including Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct an inquiry in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard as well as to reduce/check the expensive medical treatment in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (e): Health is a State subject and providing health care facilities to its people is the prime responsibility of the State Governments, therefore, no such information is maintained centrally. However, 7 cases of abandoning of patients during the year 2014-15 have been reported in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, (AIIMS), New Delhi. Such cases have also been noticed in PGIMER, Chandigarh.

In so far as the three Central Government hospital located in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. RML hospital are concerned, no such cases have been reported, whereas, 02 incidents of abandoning of male baby patients during the year 2014-15 have been reported by Lady Hardinge & Medical College (LHMC) & its associated hospitals.

Such cases are reported by the Hospital authorities to nearest Police Station/Post to locate the relative of such cases. Such patients are provided treatment irrespective of the fact that they have been abandoned, as per resources available with hospital or under programme/scheme of the Government. Apart from providing treatment to such patients, Hospital authority tries to provide shelter etc. to them through Child Welfare Committee/ Shelter Home or with the help from NGOs.