

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

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Cleanliness of Public Healthcare Facilities  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch any initiative to promote cleanliness, hygiene and infection control practices in public health care facilities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the overall structure and targets fixed thereunder;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any guidelines for promoting hygiene in the public healthcare facilities, if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said guidelines are likely to be implemented; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to constitute Infection Control Committee in all the hospitals across the country, if so, the details thereof indicating the number of Government/central hospitals where the said committees have been constituted, after State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

(a): Under the National Health Mission, the Government has launched a national initiative for Awards to Public Health Facilities 'Kayakalp', to promote cleanliness, hygiene and infection control practices in public health facilities.

(b): The details are as under:

1) The awards are proposed to be given to best two District Hospitals in each state (best District hospital in small states), best two Community Health Centres/Sub District Hospitals (limited to one in small states) and one Primary Health Centre in every district.

2) Based on the set criterion, prize winners will receive a cash award with a citation. Certificate of Commendation plus cash award would be given to such facilities that score over 70%, but do not make it to the list of top two/one in a particular year. The award amount is as below:

Level of Facility Ranked Awards Certificate of Commendation

District Hospital 1st- Rs.50 lakhs

2nd- Rs.20 lakhs Rs. 3 lakh

CHC & SDH 1st- Rs.15 lakhs

2nd- Rs10 lakhs

Rs. 1 lakh

Primary Health centres Winner - Rs. 2 lakhs Rs.50,000

3) The awards would be distributed based on the performance of the facility on the following parameters.

(i) Sanitation and hygiene

(ii) Infection control.

(iii) Hospital Upkeep

(iv) Waste Management

(v) Community Participation

4) Assessment would be done sequentially through a three tier system - Internal assessment followed by Peer assessment and then external assessment

(c): The Government has formulated and issued Swachhta Guidelines for public health facilities. Public health is a state subject. These guidelines provide a systematic guidance to facility managers and State government on how to maintain swachhta in public health facilities

(d): In so far as the three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, namely, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Harding Medical College & associated hospitals are concerned, Infection Control Committees and Patient Safety Committees have been constituted. For public health facilities under the control of State/UT governments, the Swachhta guidelines suggest constitution of such Committees in district hospitals and public health facilities designated as First Referral Units.