

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4054
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2021**

DEATH OF INFANTS DUE TO FIRE IN HOSPITAL

4054. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the death of infants due to a fire incident in a hospital in Bhandara district of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has carried any investigation to ascertain the cause of the fire, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action and provided any assistance to the family of the victims; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): A fire incident occurred at SNCU Unit, District Hospital, Bhandara, Maharashtra on dated 09/01/2021 during which 10 infants have died.
- (b): As per information received from State Government of Maharashtra, the State has issued an order dated 9.1.2021 and a 5 member committee was constituted under the supervision of Divisional Commissioner, Nagpur and chaired by the Director, Health Services, Mumbai. The committee has inquired and submitted a report on 20.01.2021.
- (c) & (d): As per information received from State Government of Maharashtra
 - A) Rs. 96.19 lakh grant has been sanctioned by Government of Maharashtra for procurement of equipments to re-establish SNCU at District Hospital, Bhandara.
 - B) An amount of Rs. 1,92,95,844 /- has been approved by Government of Maharashtra to District Hospital, Bhandara for interventions related to fire safety.
 - C) The Government has provided the following assistance to the families of the children who died in the fire at Bhandara.
 - Prime Minister's Assistance Fund, Rs. 2 lakhs
 - Chief Minister, Maharashtra fund Rs. 1 lakh.
 - Disaster Management Rs. 4 lakhs.
 - Governor Assistance Fund Rs. 2 lakhs.