

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1408
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th MARCH, 2017**

HIGH RATE OF CAESAREAN SURGERIES IN THE COUNTRY

1408. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

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

- (a) whether an online petition was signed by more than 1.3 lakh people seeking accountability and Government intervention over alarming rise in caesarean surgeries mainly in private hospitals;
- (b) whether it alleges that doctors in private hospitals are increasingly pushing unsuspecting women towards surgical deliveries to fleece more money for hospitals; and
- (c) whether according to National Family Health Survey 2015-16 conducted in 15 States and Union Territories, rate of C-section surgeries in some States were found as high as 87.1 per cent whereas WHO norms prescribe C-section deliveries to be at 10-15 per cent of total number of deliveries?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

- (a) & (b): A petition has been signed by more than 1.3 lakh people on change.org website. As per the petition, Caesarean deliveries have become a business and hospitals and doctors are making money from unsuspecting women and pushing them towards surgical deliveries. Petitioner also talks about the higher rate of C-sections in private hospitals than public hospitals.
- (c): C-section data for 35 State/UTs is available in NFHS-IV, (2015-16). As per NFHS-IV no states has C-section rate of 87.1%.