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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4147 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2018

LEGISLATION FOR PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST DOCTORS

4147. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to enact a Law towards prevention of violence taking place against doctors in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any action has been taken by Government so far in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. ANUPRIYA PAETL)

(a) to (c): No. However, An Inter-Ministerial Committee was constituted under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to examine the issue frequent instances of assault on doctors and clinical establishment across the country and the need for a central legislation for providing protection to the same. Committee, in its report, recommended that Ministry of Health & Family Welfare shall suggest to all State Governments which do not have a specific legislation to protect doctors/health professional to consider enacting on/to strictly enforce the provisions of special legislation wherever they exist and/or enforce the IPC/Cr.PC provision with vigor.