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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 578 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2023

SUDDEN DEATHS DUE TO CARDIAC ARREST

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that number of sudden deaths due to cardiac arrests post-Corona is on the rise, particularly among young people, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether such deaths are fallouts of the medicines and the vaccines of Corona;
- (c) whether Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) or other institutions have done any research on such aspect, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any measures to collect the data of sudden deaths due to cardiac arrests post-Corona particularly among the age group of below 50 years, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)

- (a) to (d): Sudden deaths have been reported in some youth after COVID-19. However, at present sufficient evidence is not available to confirm the cause of such deaths. To ascertain the facts regarding the apprehension of rising cases of cardiac arrest after COVID-19, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is conducting following three different studies:
- (i). "Factors associated with sudden deaths among adults aged 18-45 years, India: multicentric matched case control study" ongoing at \sim 40 hospitals/research centers.
- (ii). "Effect of COVID-19 vaccine on thrombotic events among 18-45 years old population in India, 2022: multicentric hospital based matched case control study" ongoing at ~ 30 COVID-19 clinical registry hospitals.
- (iii). "Establishing the cause in sudden unexplained death in the young", through virtual and physical autopsy.
