

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRAINING IN BASIC FIRST AID AND CPR ACROSS THE COUNTRY

454 Ms. SWATI MALIWAL:

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing any schemes, guidelines or initiatives to promote widespread training in basic first aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) across the country, particularly in schools, workplaces and rural and underserved areas;
- (b) whether the Ministry proposes to integrate first aid and CPR training into school curricula, workplace safety norms and community health outreach programmes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including timelines, implementing agencies and coverage achieved so far?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (c) Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare undertakes trainings of healthcare and community health workers including doctors, nurses, allied and healthcare professionals and ASHAs in basic first aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) under various Programmes/Schemes including 'National Health Mission'; 'Human Resource Development for Emergency Medical Services'; 'National Programme for Prevention and Management of Trauma and Burn Injuries'. Further, basic first aid and CPR training is a mandatory part of the Medical, Dental, Nursing and paramedic education curricula.

National Medical Commission as part of Competency Based Undergraduate Curriculum for the Indian Medical Graduate calls for training of medical students with foundational knowledge and skills needed to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and other lifesaving skills. Similarly, National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions in its competency based curriculum for Paramedics advocates for training on CPR. The Dental Council of India in its BDS course regulations (2007) call for training of dental students on CPR. The Indian Nursing Council

[Revised Regulations and Curriculum for B.Sc. (Nursing) Program] Regulations, 2020 call for training on basic CPR for nursing students.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education has incorporated Basic first aid and CPR introduction as part of the Class VII skill module material. The Board has also included CPR procedure under the title 'Basic Emergency Healthcare' in the Health Manual Volume-I published by it and advised schools to follow it. CBSE has further shared Guidelines on School Safety and Security developed by Ministry of Education, Government of India which categorical mentions that schools should conduct training programmes for school staff in general first aid and CPR.

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India provides basic first aid and CPR training to non-healthcare personnel during ESIC fortnights. Similar training is also provided to workers through industrial camps and factory adoption programmes organized by ESIC.

First Aid Trainings is a core activity of both Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) and St. John Ambulance (India), which include Basic First Aid and CPR as key modules. These trainings are organized through its branches and centres across India to promote essential life-saving skills among the general public.

In addition to the above, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had organized a pan-India CPR Awareness Week from 13th to 17th October, 2025, which aimed at sensitizing the public and building the capacities of our citizens in administering Compression-only bystander Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) during cardiac arrest and other medical emergencies.
