

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5009  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**

**INFECTION IN PGIMER CHANDIGARH**

**5009. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware about patients who were injected with Roche's Avastin and who complained about contracting infection in PGIMER Chandigarh;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has asked for a report from PGIMER in this regard;
- (c) the details of such report received by the Government; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to save the patients from such drug reaction?

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

(a) to (d): PGIMER, Chandigarh being an autonomous body, takes their own decision regarding patient care. They have informed about the incident of increased intraocular inflammation following intravitreal injection of Avastin in July, 2016. An internal committee was constituted by the Institute to enquire into the issue. Precautionary measures suggested by the committee are in place to avoid such incidents in future.