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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3245 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST. 2017

INFECTIONS IN ICUS

3245. SHRI MANOHAR UTAWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding complaints of increasing infection in Intensive Care Units (ICUs) in Government/private hospitals during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for resolving/ taking corrective measures in respect of the above stated complaints and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposals from the States/ UTs for making ICUs safer and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (b): Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally.

In so far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge & Medical College and Associated Hospitals are concerned, no study has been conducted regarding complaints of increasing infection in Intensive Care Units (ICUs) in Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and Associated Hospitals. However, in Safdarjung Hospital, a survey has been conducted regarding complaints of increasing infection in ICUs. As per this point prevalence survey, the healthcare associated infection of ICU in Safdarjung Hospital has come down from 60 in 2015 to 38..9 per 100 patients in 2017.

- (c): The guidelines for Infection Control, Sterilization, Disinfection, Biomedical waste Management, Antibiotic Policy etc are already available and strictly followed in these hospitals to minimize hospital infection.
- (d): Government have received a number of proposals from various State Governments for up-gradation of ICU facilities, setting up of new ICU facilities, etc.