

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 116
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22TH DECEMBER, 2017
CLEANLINESS IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS**

†*116. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

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

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has directed all hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Safdarjung Hospital to maintain cleanliness, ensure regular changing of bed sheets, set up grievances redressal cell through public notice and constitute a committee for improving the condition of Central Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the hospitals have taken steps to ensure compliance of the orders of the Court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (d) 'Health' is a State subject and no such information in respect of State Government Hospitals is maintained centrally.

As far as Central Government Hospitals under the administrative control of this Ministry namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals, and AIIMS, New Delhi are concerned, no such directions have been received from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in connection with maintaining cleanliness in these hospitals.

Recognising the fact that cleanliness is one of the key determinants of improved health outcomes, the Government as part of its contribution towards the Swachh Bharat Mission rolled out various initiatives, including Clean Hospital Campaign Scheme.

To provide high degree of cleanliness, hygiene and infection control practices in public health care facilities, various measures have been taken by the Central Government Hospitals in this regard as under:

- (i) Activities like sanitation, hospital infection control practices, are supervised and monitored by the Medical Superintendent/ Addl Medical Superintendents and by supervisory staff of the hospitals, on a day to day basis.
- (ii) These hospitals regularly change bed sheets with day wise prescribed color coding.
- (iii) As far as grievance redressal is concerned, a robust grievance redressal system with feedback mechanism is in place in AIIMS. Likewise a Public Grievance Redressal Cell / Committee with provision for receiving complaints/suggestions is in place in Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical Collage and Kalavati Saran Hospital.
- (iv) Training to staff is imparted to adopt best infection control and hygiene practices
- (v) Incentivising such public healthcare facilities (Central hospitals/Institutions) that show exemplary performance in adhering to standard protocols of cleanliness and infection control.

