

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2019  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**INFECTION HAZARD IN OPERATION THEATRES**

**2019. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV:**

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

- (a) whether instances of patients contracting infections from operation theatres of public and private hospitals including AIIMS, New Delhi have come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the special instructions issued/ being issued by the Government to hospitals to address the issue?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): 'Health' being a State subject, no such information is maintained centrally.

In so far as three Central Government hospitals located in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge & Medical College & its Associated Hospitals as well as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi are concerned, no such incidence is reported by these Hospitals/Institutes.

(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.

Hospital Infection Control Committee exists in these hospitals to ensure strict compliance of safe infection control practices as per Hospital Infection Control and Sterilization and Disinfection manual.

So far as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is concerned, there is constant endeavor at AIIMS to monitor and contain the hospital associated infections (HAI). Regular meetings of Infection Control Committee and Operation Theatre (OT) users Committee are conducted along with rounds of infection control team, to check any lapses/ short comings and suggestions thereafter for improvement are implemented.

Training programmes on infection control activities for all major categories of officials are regularly carried out.