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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2318 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH. 2018

HOSPITAL MANUAL

2318. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL: SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU: SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Hospital Manual 60 and 61 has the provision mandating each hospital to designate one complaint redressal officer and keep a complaint box for complaints;
- (b) if so, whether this hospital manual is being fully implemented in all the hospitals of the country including Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand; and
- (c) if not, the action taken by the Government against such hospitals which have not implemented this manual and the details thereof, State-wise?

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

- (a): As per the Hospital Manual (Chapter XIII) issued by the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, published on 4th June, 2002, a Grievance Redressal Officer is also to be designated in every hospital for effective grievance redressal of the patients. Further, the manual prescribes that a number of Complaint Boxes are to be placed at strategic locations of hospitals for collection of complaints from the patients and their relatives.
- (b) &(c): 'Health' being a state subject, no such information is maintained centrally. As far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi *viz*. Safdarjung, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals are concerned, effective Grievance Redressal machinery, is in place. All the grievances received in these hospitals are being dealt in a time-bound manner for speedy redressal.