

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3496
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2018**

SHORTAGE OF INCUBATORS

3496. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the hospitals across the country is facing shortage of incubators;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether due to shortage of incubators in the country, hundreds of children/infants have lost their lives; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to address this issue?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d): '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, there is no shortage of incubators. No such incident in the three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi has been reported in recent past.

As per the reports from the states, there are no reports of shortage of incubators across the country, which has led to the death of many children.

Support under National Health Mission (NHM) is provided for procurement and maintenance of equipment as per State Programme Implementation Plan (SSIP) proposals and various programme guidelines. An advisory from Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, regarding improving the quality of newborn care has been sent to all States/UTs urging them to propose need based proposal for augmenting infrastructure, capacity building, equipment maintenance and to ensure uninterrupted supply of essential medicines and commodities.

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