

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3931
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH JANUARY, 2019**

LACK OF LIFE SAVING OXYGEN

**3931. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that deaths of children and other patients occurred on large scale in the country due to lack of life-saving oxygen and medicines and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) the details of deaths occurred in the hospitals of the country due to the said reason during the last three years; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to tackle the situation in future and hold the guilty accountable?

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

(a) to (c): No reports of deaths of children due to lack of life-saving oxygen and medicines in Government hospitals has been received by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) from the States/UTs.

Any media reports on incidents of cluster of newborn and child deaths and regular review of mortality data in SNCUs by Govt. of India at public health facilities is given the highest priority. It is reviewed by Central and State teams and the findings / recommendations are disseminated to the concerned state for taking appropriate action.

A letter from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) regarding improving the quality of care has been sent to all the States/ UTs urging them to follow standard operational guidelines, treatment protocols and ensure availability of functioning equipments and commodities, adequate and trained service providers. States / UTs have also been requested to undertake regular reviews and ensure gaps identified in the facilities are addressed on priority and approvals sought under National Health Mission (NHM), as necessary.

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