

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1137  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

**INFECTION IN ICUs**

**1137. SHRI B.V. NAIK:  
SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the increase in the number of complaints with regard to infection in the Intensive Care Units (ICUs) in Government/private hospitals during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has issued any guidelines or taken corrective measures with regard to the said complaints and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from States/UTs in order to make ICUs safe and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): 'Public Health' and 'Hospitals' being State subjects, such information is not maintained centrally.

In so far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospital, as well as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi are concerned, these hospitals are doing routine surveillance of Intensive Care Units (ICUs) to assess Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI). However, if incidence of any unexpected rise in any particular infection comes to light, active investigation is performed.

(b): The guidelines for Infection Control Sterilization, Disinfection and Biomedical waste Management, Antibiotic Policy, etc. are already available and followed in these hospitals to minimize hospital infection.

Safdarjung Hospital has developed "Guidelines for Infection Control Policy" to standardize the infection prevention practices. The infection control policy provides guidelines for prevention of infection prevention of spread of infection in all sites including critical areas, disinfection & sterilization process used in Operation Theatre & other sites of hospital.

These Central Government Hospitals have infection control committee that meets at least quarterly and discusses the issues related to HAI.

(c): Government from time to time, receives a number of proposals from various State/UT Governments for up-gradation of hospitals including its ICU facilities, setting up of new ICU facilities, etc.