

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4428
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2019**

SHORTAGE OF SURGICAL MATERIALS IN NEIGRIHMS

4428. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many surgical materials have been confiscated by the Director of North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is also aware that there are deaths in NEIGRIHMS for non-availability of Stents and Pacemakers in the Institute, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the patients in AIIMS and NEIGRIHMS can bring surgical materials from outside the institute in case the same is not available in the hospital, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of deaths occurred in NEIGRIHMS on the 10 May 2019 due to non-availability of Stent, Pacemaker and other materials along with the action taken by the Government against the erring officials?

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

- (a): As reported by North Eastern Indira Gandhi Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong, the Institute had confiscated Cath Lab items related to Cardiology like stents, pacemakers and other devices on 29/4/2019, since these items were brought from outside private pharmacy.
- (b): As reported by the Institute, there is no death in the Institute due to non-availability of stents and pacemakers.
- (c): As far as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi is concerned, the patients in AIIMS are asked to bring surgical material from outside Institute, in case the same is not available in hospital. Most of surgical specialty in AIIMS has package system, in which patient deposit a fix amount of money, after that it becomes "Institute responsible" to arrange everything required for a particular surgery.

In respect of NEIGRIHMS, when the items are not available with AMRIT Pharmacy, non availability certificate is issued by the AMRIT Pharmacy and the patient parties source the items from other Pharmacies.

(d): As per the records of the Hospital, there is no death due to non availability of stents and pacemakers

However, one death has happened on 10th May, 2019 as the patient was suffering from a grave complication due to acute coronary syndrome.