

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 85
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND July, 2022**

IRREGULARITIES IN PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

***85. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:**

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

- (a) whether any cases of corrupt practices/ malpractices in purchase of medical equipment in various Government run hospitals have come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such cases noticed during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the necessary corrective steps taken by the Government to curb such incidents?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

- (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) and (b): It is primarily the responsibility of State / Union Territory (UT) Governments to be vigilant about corrupt practices in the purchase of medical equipment in their healthcare facilities. Such incidents whenever they are reported from Central Government hospitals are promptly inquired into.

(c): Ministry/Procuring Entities under the Ministry strictly follow provisions of General Financial Rules 2017, guidelines of Central Vigilance Commission and also adhere to the guidelines available in the Manual for Procurement of Goods 2017 issued by the Ministry of Finance. Tenders are invited through Central Procurement Portal (CPP) for e-procurement in a transparent manner. In view of the mandate under Rule 149 of GFR, products available on Government-e- Market (GeM) are procured through GeM portal only. All instructions issued by Department of Promotion for Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Finance from time to time are also followed strictly. Adherence to the rules and procurement through CPP/ GeM has laid a very transparent system of procurement.
