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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1145 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07,2022

MANAGEMENT OF HOSPITAL WASTE

1145. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that Aligarh Muslim University researchers have found multi-drug resistant bacterial gene from hospital waste in Murshidabad, West Bengal;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has any guidelines for management of hospital waste, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revise the guidelines for management of hospital waste, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has noticed that the flow of hospital wastes into the water bodies is contaminating them; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof along with the steps taken against defaulting hospitals?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (f): It has come to notice that Aligarh Muslim University researchers have found multi-drug resistant bacterial gene from hospital waste in Murshidabad, West Bengal. The Guidelines for management of Healthcare Waste as per Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 are issued by Central Pollution Control Board under Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). The link is: https://cpcb.nic.in/uploads/Projects/Bio-Medical-Waste/Guidelines_healthcare_June_2018.pdf