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

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 91 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04TH DECEMBER 2015 MISUSE OF RESOURCES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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

- (a) the details of mechanism put in place to ensure that food and eatables meant for patients in Government hospitals reach the intended beneficiaries;
- (b) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the reported incidences of food and other resources meant for patients being misused by the staff and employees in the Government hospitals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of said incidences reported, inspection/raids conducted, cases registered and departmental inquiries instituted against the individuals involved; and
- (d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb the said malpractices?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 91* FOR 04TH DECEMBER, 2015

(a) to (d): Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally. However, as far as AIIMS, New Delhi, JIPMER, Puducherry, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals under this Ministry are concerned, the patient wise specified diet requisition is received from the Sister-incharge of each ward, which is checked and compiled by the in-charge of Kitchen. Accordingly, total requirement of diet/food is made and the ration items are issued. Thereafter, food is prepared under the supervision of designated Officer. The food for patients is checked by the dietician and distributed to the patients under the supervision of the Sister-in-charge of the ward concerned. Feed-back is taken from the patients from time to time, which ensures that food and eatables meant for patients in hospital reach the intended beneficiaries.

No complaint of food and other resources meant for patients being misused by the staff and employees in these Government hospitals has been reported.

The steps taken by these Hospitals/Institutes to ensure distribution of food items to patients include preparing and maintaining proper check lists for issuing of ration item till the meals are cooked and distributed to the patients, seeking periodic feedback from patients regarding quality and quantity of food served to the patients, undertaking surprise checks by officers concerned, installation of CCTV cameras.