

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2174  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016**

**MATERIO VIGILANCE PROGRAMME**

**2174. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any Materio Vigilance Programme to monitor the adverse impact of medical devices implanted in the human body and its safe use;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has put in place a mechanism to ensure safety of medical devices and to provide awareness to general public about the adverse effects of the medical devices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has launched a materio vigilance programme to monitor adverse events associated with medical devices. Such events are reported online to the Nodal Collaborating Centre and are thereafter, analyzed by a technical committee. The data relating to adverse events in Indian population is used to assess benefit-risk profile of medical devices across the country and to create awareness among healthcare professionals.