

Authorities against organizations found guilty of violations under the Act during inspections.

- Operational guidelines for PNDT-NGO Grant in Aid Scheme have been revised to ensure targeted use of resources for awareness generation..
- States have been asked to take advantage of funding available under NRHM for strengthening infrastructure and augmentation of human resources required for effective implementation of the PC & PNDT Act.

Condition of children hospital in Delhi

†3054. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, Delhi is the only Government hospital for catering to the medical needs of children;

(b) whether Government is aware of the poor condition, poor management and acute shortage of doctors, nurses and medical equipments in the said hospital;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any measures to do away with the poor conditions and all shortcomings of this hospital for treatment of children;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital is one of the tertiary level Government Paediatric Hospitals affiliated to Lady Hardinge Medical College in Delhi, providing curative and preventive services to the children of Delhi and neighbouring States.

(b) As per norms, the doctors, nurses and other staffs of the hospital are adequate for existing beds. However, at present, the hospital is facing huge rush of patients exceeding the existing capabilities.

(c) to (e) Up-gradation of hospital infrastructure and improvement in hospital/patient care services are continuous process and are undertaken by the hospital as per the requirement, priority and available resources.

Timely supply of Ayurvedic medicines

3055. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether problems like nonmentioning of expiry date, sub-standard medicine, no meaningful use of computers exist in CGHS Ayurvedic medicines and hospitals in Delhi;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is a fact that it takes a week or more time to supply prescribed medicines in case of local purchase and some medicines are not supplied to beneficiaries including Kali Bari CGHS dispensary;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether timeline of supply of Ayurvedic medicines is equal to Allopathic system wherein prescribed medicines are supplied to beneficiaries within 2/3 days of prescription;

(e) if so, the manner in which implementation is ensured; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No.

(d) to (f) Yes, the local authorized chemists supply the medicines on the next day of the indented medicines failing which they are liable to pay penalties as per the terms of the agreement.

Infant deaths in the country

3056. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the latest combined Report of the UNICEF and WHO 30 per cent of infant deaths (0-5 years) in the age group are taking place in India;

(b) if so, the reasons for such unimpressive performance of the country in reducing the infant mortality in the country when there is a drastic reduction in other countries, including China; and

(c) the efforts Ministry is making or proposed to make in the Twelfth Plan Period to bring down the infant deaths to world average?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) No. As per 'Estimates Developed by the UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation - Report 2011', India contributes to 22% of total under-five deaths worldwide.

As per Registrar General of India (RGI), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has declined from 58 per thousand live births per year in 2005 to 50 in 2009.

(c) Under the National Rural Health Mission the following interventions are being implemented to bring down the mortality rate of children in the country:

(1) **Promotion of Institutional Delivery through Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY):** Promoting Institutional delivery by skilled birth attendant is key to reducing both maternal and