

Unsafe Abortions are not provided separately for India which is one of the countries in this sub-region.

(c) and (d) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and the Reproductive and Child Health Programme under its umbrella, for creating awareness on Safe Abortion, the following steps have been taken:—

- Guidelines on "Comprehensive Abortion Care" have been disseminated by the Government of India to all the States/UTs which include elements of counselling women before and after conducting an abortion.
- Funds are being provided to the States/UTs under NRHM for planning and implementation of comprehensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC)/Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) activities for maternal health which also includes Safe Abortion Care.
- Orientation of ASHAs on different aspects of Safe Abortion Care is an integral part of their training in order to equip them with the skills to create awareness on safe abortion issues in the women and the community, and facilitate women in accessing services for Safe Abortion Care.

Unclaimed human cadaver for study purpose

1006. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:
SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

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

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry on the fact that there are a large number of unclaimed human cadaver found every day which if diverted to Medical colleges for study purpose would be very helpful to Medical colleges and it will also reduce burden on police department, as several times it has been observed that there are no claimants to claim these bodies and there is no proper infrastructure facilities to keep these bodies; and

(b) whether Ministry is going to take views of Ministries of Home Affairs, Law and Justice and State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There are institutions having body donation banks from where the medical colleges receive dead bodies for academic purposes and teaching requirements. The unclaimed human dead bodies may also be deposited with such banks for use by the medical colleges. In this regard, the Central Government has written to Home Ministry and also issued instructions to all the State Governments/UTs to ensure that unclaimed dead bodies are transferred to medical colleges/institutions in order to minimize the shortage of human cadaver for medical studies.