

number of unclaimed human cadaver found every day, and if these dead bodies could be diverted to medical colleges for study purpose, it would be very helpful to medical colleges; and

(b) if so, the further action taken by Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No specific response has been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, the State/UT Governments were requested to instruct the concerned authorities in their State for providing the unclaimed dead bodies to the medical colleges for academic and teaching purposes so that the shortage of the human cadaver for medical studies can be minimized. The State Governments of Karnataka and Kerala have issued instructions in this regard.

Disposal of radioactive wastes by hospitals

1131. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has asked the Central Government and the State Governments to provide information on the disposal of radioactive wastes from hospitals;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether in view of lack of proper facilities for the disposal of radioactive substances used in Government hospitals, the hospital staff and patients are being affected; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure proper disposal of radioactive wastes from hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) A notice has been received by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) seeking, *inter-alia*, status of the disposal of radioactive wastes in the Hospitals under the administrative control of Health Departments of the Central Government/all State Governments/Union Territories. The process of the collecting information has been initiated.

Since "Health" is a State subject, it is the primarily the responsibility of the State Government to ensure proper facilities for the safety of the patient and the staff of the Hospital.

However, in so far as the three Central Government hospitals in Delhi namely Safdarjung Hospital (SJH), Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RML) and Lady Hardinge Medical College and its Associated Hospitals (LHMC) are concerned, no radioactive wastes are generated in RML and LHMC. In SJH, radioactive sources and wastes are kept in the department in the areas designated for this purpose and radioactive wastes are dispersed/disposed as per the standard AERB guidelines.

Spread of vector borne diseases in Maharashtra

†1132. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the spread of fatal diseases like dengue, malaria in Dhule, Jalgaon, Nasik and other areas of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government to combat the situation has provided the required medicines and deployed teams of specialist doctors in all the hospitals; and

(d) the details of the deaths caused by dengue and malaria during the last five months in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.H. KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes.

(b) The details of number of reported cases and deaths due to dengue and malaria in Dhule, Jalgaon, Nasik and total number of cases for the State of Maharashtra are indicated below:—

Dengue	2011		2012 (Till 26th November)	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
All Maharashtra	1138	25	2422	73
Dhule	6	0	26	8
Jalgaon	4	3	32	8
Nasik	17	1	205	9

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.