

and also for strengthening warehouses, drug testing labs, procurement systems and capacities, quality assurance and IT infrastructure for improved logistics.

Further to encourage States to provide free essential drugs in public health facilities, upto 5 per cent funding over and above the normal allocation of the State is also provided as an incentive for those States that implement free medicines policy.

Ensuring safeguard of medical personnel from infections

†1017. SHRI P. L. PUNIA:

SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the personnel working in the field of medical are getting exposed to infection and diseases like Hapatitis, State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether steps are being taken by Government to safeguard medical personnel from various diseases; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating on formulating a necessary concrete policy to safeguard the medical personnel and their family members from getting exposed to infection and Hepatitis?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Since the health care workers interface with patients suffering from various infectious diseases, exposure to infectious diseases cannot be ruled out. The State wise details of personnel in health care getting exposed to infection and diseases like Hepatitis are not collected centrally.

(b) and (c) Universal precautions for health care workers is a knowledge and skill taught in the Medical Colleges and Para-medical institutes.

The Government of India has also published the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) which the State Health Care Facilities are encouraged to follow.

In the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) Guidelines for Secondary Level Hospitals [Revised edition 2012] specific mention has been made for the guidelines for Health Care Workers Safety and recommended the following:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- Provision of Protective gears like gloves, masks, gowns, caps, personal protective equipment, lead aprons, dosimeters etc. and their use by Health Care workers as per standard protocols.
- Promotion of Hand Hygiene and practice of Universal precautions by Health Care Workers.
- Display Standard operating procedures at strategic locations in the hospitals.
- Implementation of Infection control practices and Safe Bio Medical Waste Management.
- Regular Training of Health Care Workers in Universal precautions, Patient safety, infection control and Bio Medical Waste Management.
- Immunization of Health Care Workers against Tetanus and Hepatitis B.
- Provision of round the clock Post exposure prophylaxis against Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in cases of needle sticks injuries.

Operational status of AIIMS like institutes

1018. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the AIIMS or AIIMS like institutes announced in the Budget 2006 have started functioning;
- (b) if so, at what stage is the functioning of the six Institutes announced in the 2006 Budget;
- (c) whether Government announced setting up of four AIIMS like institutes in the 2014 Budget; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and at what stage is their construction and by when they are expected to be ready to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) Government of India had approved establishment of six new AIIMS like Institutes at Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur, in March, 2006. These Institutes are operational with Indoor and Outdoor Patient Department services related to MBBS teaching. Three batches of MBBS students and two batches of B.Sc (Nursing) students are receiving education.