

Preventing incidents of violence in hospitals

2334. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increasing incidents of violence against doctors and hooliganism in healthcare delivery sectors;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to tackle the problem;

(c) whether Government intends to bring in a Central Medicare Act to declare hospitals as safe zones and provide security to doctors, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (d) Yes. An Inter-Ministerial Committee was constituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to examine various issues including violence against doctors as raised by Indian Medical Association (IMA).

Since, Health is a State Subject, therefore, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare circulated a copy of the draft Act *i.e.* "The Protection of Medical Service Persons and Medical Service Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage or Loss of property) Act, 2017" provided by IMA to all States/UTs Governments and requested them to either consider a specific legislation as per the draft Act or to enforce the provisions of the existing Act, if any, strictly.

Budgetary allocation for NHPs in current fiscal year

2335. SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed National Health Protection Scheme; and

(b) whether Government plans to launch the scheme this fiscal year and details of budgetary allocation made in the current fiscal for the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) The Government has approved launch of Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM) to provide health assurance/insurance of ₹ 5.00 lakh per family per year to over 10 crore poor, deprived rural families and identified occupational categories of