

January, 2019. Hon'ble Finance Minister of the Government of Maharashtra is the Convener of the GoM and Hon'ble Finance Ministers of the Government of Kerala, Assam, Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, West-Bengal, Karnataka and Punjab are its members.

(c) Yes Sir. In pursuance of the decision of the 32nd GST Council meeting, a Group of Ministers (GoM) for boosting the real estate sector under GST regime has been constituted on 15th January, 2019. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat is the Convener of the GoM and Hon'ble Finance Ministers of the Government of Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Goa and Punjab are its members. One of its terms of reference of the GoM is to analyze the tax rate of GST, including *inter alia* issues/challenges in view of proposal for boosting real estate sector under GST regime by providing a composition scheme for residential construction units.

(d) Based on the recommendations of the GST Council, the Government has endeavoured for better implementation of GST through simplification of procedures via regular issuance of notifications, Circulars and carrying out relevant changes in GST Acts and rules.

Sufferings of patients due to fights in hospitals

†197. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to stoppage of emergency services by the doctors for several days owing to the fight taken place between doctors and attendants of patients in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi in February, 2018, several patients did not get timely treatment and had to move from place to place causing death of some patients;

(b) the names of hospitals in Delhi where doctors went on strike owing to fight between doctors and attendants of patients during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to avoid such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) As reported by Safdarjung hospital, Resident Doctors Association went on strike on 28.02.2018 and 01.03.2018 due to reduction of PG seats by Medical Council of India (MCI). However, Emergency

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

services of the hospital were maintained by deployment of medical officers and faculty members. All the patients attending the Emergency were attended to and provided with treatment. No patient death due to lack of medical support has been reported. Patients in ward were looked after by senior doctors.

Since Health is a State subject, no such information is maintained centrally. In so far as three Central Government hospitals in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College(LHMC) and Associated hospitals are concerned, there were a few number of strikes due to fight between doctors and attendants of patients during the last three years.

The Government has taken several measures to ensure non-recurrence of these strikes, which are as under:-

- CCTV cameras have been installed at sensitive areas of the hospitals.
- Quick Response Teams (QRTs) formed to avoid non-recurrence of any such incident round the clock.
- Marshalls are specifically deployed in each shift to safeguard doctors and hospital property.
- Security guards are deployed at all entrances, OPDs, wards and strategic places to keep an eye on nuisance mongers.
- Signage displayed in these hospitals for prevention of violence and damage of property Act, 2018.
- Doctors, paramedical and other staff of the hospitals are being advised from time to time to be polite and sympathetic with patients specially those who are in crisis.

Suicide deaths in India

198. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study conducted by Government agencies suggested that India is a major contributor to World's suicide deaths, particularly among younger generation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) States which have reported high suicide rates and major reasons therefor; and