

(c) whether an Additional MS has been made Head of the Department of Cardiology, Safdarjung Hospital, in contravention of laid down rules and norms; and

(d) if so, corrective action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (d) As informed by Medical Council of India "Dean / Principal / Director of Medical college / institution, who is head of the institute and the Medical Superintendent who is head of the affiliated teaching hospital can be in-charge of a Unit but cannot be Head of the Department (HoD) in the medical college/institution."

One Additional Medical Superintendent has recently been made HoD of Cardiology Department of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi as per the functional requirement of the hospital which is not in contravention of laid down rules.

Postponement of polio immunization day campaign

1006. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Immunization Days (NIDs) are mass campaigns during which doses of Oral Poliovirus Vaccine (OPV) are given to children under the age of five across the country; and

(b) whether polio immunization day campaign has been postponed and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes, it is a fact.

(b) Yes, the 2019 National Immunization Day (NID) for polio campaign has been rescheduled to 10th March 2019. This has been done to ensure availability of safe and quality polio vaccine to our children.

Shortage of bivalent oral polio vaccine in the country

1007. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the required quantity of bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (bOPV) for each polio National Immunization Days (NIDs) programme;