

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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INSTALLING INCINERATORS IN HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that 40,000 used syringes are being generated by 85 hospitals in the capital every day;
- (b) if so, whether only 40 per cent of the syringes are destroyed or incinerated and recycled syringes are used on almost two-third patients in the country;
- (c) if so, whether the hospitals and nursing homes have installed sufficient number of incinerators and made them operational and managed the waste properly; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to get installed more incinerators in the Government Hospitals and Nursing Homes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare does not maintain such information. In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr.R.M.L.Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences are concerned, used syringes are decontaminated at source as per the method laid down in the Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998. Thereafter, the same are shredded and disposed of. The incinerators are already installed in all Central Government Hospitals, which are operational and functioning satisfactorily.