

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:376
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2006
ARRANGEMENTS IN HOSPITALS TO TACKLE DISASTERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government hospitals in the country, particularly in Delhi are ready to tackle any kind of disaster;
- (b) if so, the details of arrangements made by the hospitals to tackle such eventualities;
- (c) the number of mock drills conducted by hospitals during the last two years, hospital-wise;
- (d) whether any guidelines have been circulated to the doctors in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the details of the hospitals without Neurosurgery department and measures taken to provide Neurosurgery department in each hospital; and
- (g) the steps taken to educate doctors/ public to manage such eventualities?

Answer

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

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 376 FOR 10TH MAY, 2006

In so far as Central Government Hospitals like Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) are concerned, infrastructure including reservation of the beds, exclusively, designated disaster management committee, are in existence in each of the hospitals to combat the disaster.

Periodical mock drills are also conducted to ascertain the efficacy of disaster management plan in each of the hospitals.

Neuro Surgery Departments are functioning in AIIMS, Safdarjung and Dr. RML Hospitals. However, the patients requiring Neuro-surgery treatment in LHMC and Associated Hospitals are attended to in the neighbouring Dr. RML Hospital.

24 Hours Casualty and Emergency facilities are also in existence in the above mentioned hospitals.

Guidelines regarding disaster management plan have been circulated to all HODs and other concerned officers. The awareness to the general public is being generated by providing the signage, guidelines in the Citizen Charter and special arrangements made during the festival of Diwali/other occasions in the Department of Casualty/Emergency/Burns and Plastic with enough informative coverage before prior to the festivals.