

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) and (b) Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that Delhi State Nursing Cell being established in Delhi is not for ensuring patients safety but for management of nursing professionals. The work assigned to this cell include processing of proposals for creation of post, recruitment rules, promotions for staff nurses and nursing sisters, transfer/posting of staff nurses and nursing sisters, training of nurses, etc. under Government of NCT of Delhi.

Nursing Division and Advisor Nursing already exist in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to exclusively deal with the issues of nursing professionals. Transfer, posting, recruitment, promotion, etc. of the Nursing Professional at Hospital level is done by the Hospital authorities itself.

Under the Scheme of Up-gradation/strengthening of Nursing Services, an amount of ₹ 14.90 crore has been released for establishment/strengthening of Nursing Cells in 14 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Delhi in the Year 2010-11.

With regard to patient safety in the Central Government Hospitals located in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals, Patients Safety Committees have been formed in three Central Government hospitals in Delhi. The Patient Safety committee is headed by Medical Superintendent or Additional Medical Superintendent.

These hospitals conduct meetings of their patient safety committees to review the various patient safety related issues and take corrective actions, whenever required.

Guidelines for Food Manufacturing Companies

2871. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any guidelines for Food Manufacturing Companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Food Manufacturing Companies are following these guidelines in letter and spirit; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to monitor and regulate these Food Manufacturing Companies ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) to (d) Various provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, Rules and Regulations notified under the Act, offer guidelines for food manufacturing companies. In addition to these, various advisories have also been issued as guidelines to food business operators which are placed on the website of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (www.fssai.gov.in). All food business operators have to comply with the requirements stipulated under the Act, Rules and Regulations and are required to take either licenses or get registered depending on eligibility. The Act and Regulations have provisions for surveillance, monitoring and enforcement to regulate food business operators in the Country.

Organ donation

2872. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to ease and facilitate donation of body parts;

(b) whether Government plans to promote donation of body parts and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to develop a repository of body parts for donation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) and (b) Government of India has amended the Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Act 1994 in 2011. Some of the important amendments under this Act to promote and facilitate donation of body parts are:-

(i) Provision of 'Retrieval Centres for retrieval of organs from deceased donors and their registration under the amended Act.

(ii) Definition of Near relative expanded to include Grandparents and Grand Children.

(iii) Brain death certification Board has been simplified and more experts have been permitted.

(iv) Inquiry and informing the family members' regarding option to donate in case of unfortunate event of brain stem death of Patients admitted in ICU for the purpose of organ donation.