

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 934
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

C-SECTION DELIVERIES

**934. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:**

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

(a) whether as per a recent survey conducted by IIM (Indian Institute of Management), Ahmedabad, a large number of caesarean deliveries are done in private hospitals with profit motive;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any action against such malpractices by private hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) &(b): The study conducted by IIM was based on National Family Health Survey –IV (2015-16), which indicates birth in Health Facility by Caesarean Section (%) in private health facility is 40.9% which is higher than public health facility where it is 11%.

(c)& (d): Government of India has taken several measures to curb down unnecessary C sections. The centre provides continuous guidance, strict monitoring and directives to the states for the regulation of high caesarean section rates.

WHO in its statement released in April 2015 states that at population level, caesarean section rates higher than 10% are not associated with reductions in maternal and new-born mortality rates.

- In this regard a communication vide OM M.12015/182/2015-MCH has been sent to all the State Principal Secretaries and Mission Directors of all States and UTs urging them to share the WHO statement with all the Obstetricians and Gynecologists working in their respective states. In addition States have been suggested to conduct periodic prescription audits in private sector which could also be extended to public sector.

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- Government of India also has written vide OM M.12015/182/2015-MCH to Federation of Obstetrical and Gynecologists in India (FOGSI) to share the WHO statement among the Obstetricians and Gynecologists under the umbrella of FOGSI.
- All CGHS empanelled hospitals are directed to display the information regarding ratio of deliveries by caesarean section vis-à-vis normal deliveries. A communication was sent in this regard vide OM Z15025/2017 to all the CGHS empanelled hospitals.
- Caesarean Section rates in public and private facilities are also being monitored through HMIS, which captures caesarean sections occurring at both public and private institutions. The issue of high caesarean sections on HMIS data, if flagged during the state review meetings.

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