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Union Health Minister Inspects Hospitals To Review Preparedness On H1N1

Fully Geared Up To Handle H1N1 Influenza

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USPA NEWS - The Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Mr. J.P. Nadda visited to the Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital to review the preparedness regarding H1N1 influenza, in New Delhi on November 03, 2015.

“‘Ensure That No Patient Is Denied Treatment’

To review the preparedness of various hospitals to deal with the cases of H1N1 influenza, Shri J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare visited Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital, on November 3.

During the visit Mr. Nadda instructed the health officials of hospitals to ensure provision of treatment to every single patient affected by the seasonal influenza. He instructed them to ensure proper counseling of such patients and to ensure that no patient is denied treatment.

“The number of beds designated for H1N1 hospitals has been increased substantially in these hospitals. If needed more beds will be provided. I have issued instructions that no H1N1 patient should be denied treatment and whoever is required to be admitted should be admitted,”^[1] said the Minister.

The Health Minister added, “In winter season, the H1N1 influenza cases generally show a rise. Today visit is to review the preparation of our hospitals for this. We are increasing the number of beds and ventilators. Adequate stocks of medicines, testing kits and medical equipment are in place and we are fully geared up to handle H1N1 influenza patients.”^[2]

The Health Minister also asked hospitals’ authorities to vaccinate doctors, nurses and other health care workers involved in the treatment of swine flu cases at these hospitals to ensure their safety and protection while treating H1N1 patients.

During the visit of these hospitals, the Health Minister expressed satisfaction over the preparation and availability of designated beds, medical equipments, medicines, testing kits, personal protective equipment and masks.

Mr. Nadda inspected various units during his visit to the hospitals. He visited H1N1 treatment centre, ICU, emergency ward, critical unit and bio-medical waste management centre of Safdarjung hospital and Isolation ward (H1N1), H1N1 screening centre, pharmacy unit of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

The Medical Superintendents (MSs) of Safdarjung hospital and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia hospital briefed the Health Minister regarding the recent initiatives of the hospitals and their future expansion plans.

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