

occured in a Government run Observation Home for Boys at Delhi Gate, Delhi. The boys pierced the false ceiling by boring a hole in the night of 21.2.94 and escaped through the space between C.G.T. sheet roofing and the false roofing to the big hole provided for exhaust. To facilitate the escape, the children removed the ironbars fixed in between this holes.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. As per the detailed inquiry conducted it was found that the incident had occurred on account of the negligence of the Chowkidar and Care-taker. Both of them were suspended.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Treatment Of Poor Heart Patients

7395. SHRI BRISHIN PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing financial assistance for the treatment of poor heart patients in the hospitals like All India Institute of Medical Science in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the mode of payment of the amount meant for poor patients and the time taken for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B.SHANKARANAND): (a)&(b): Financial assistance upto Rs.20,000/- is given to poor and indigent patients to defray a part of expenditure on hospitalisation /operation in case where free medical facilities are not

available. This facility is available for the treatment of heart patients also.

(c) The sanctioned grant is released to the hospital/institute by way of demand draft/cheque on getting intimation that the patient has been admitted/treatment has started. The actual time taken for this purpose depends on many factors, such as, submission of application form and medical report in prescribed form, income certificate from revenue officer/BDO and the date given by hospital for admission/operation.

[*English*]

Patient/Bed Ratio

7396. SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the bed/patient ratio in Government hospitals in Delhi;

(b) whether this ratio is in conformity to the norms laid down by the Government; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to increase the bed strength?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B.SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). The bed/population ratio in Delhi is about 2:1000. In a dynamic setting, it is not feasible to lay any norms about such ratios. One 500 bedded and eight 100 bedded hospitals, in the peripheral areas of Delhi, are under various stages of establishment besides, the number of institutions in the private sector is also increasing.