

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

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EVENING OPD

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

- (a) whether evening OPD has been started in certain Central Government hospitals in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures, being taken to provide additional funds, doctors and staff in these hospitals to make it successful;
- (d) the efforts being made by the Government to extend said facilities in other hospitals of the country; and
- (e) the incentives proposed to be provided to the staff and doctors attending evening OPD?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d) Evening OPD has started functioning from 9.1.2003 on a pilot basis in 4 major Central Government Hospital in Delhi, viz. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr.R.M.L.Hospital, Lady Harding Medical College & its associated Hospitals and Safdarjung Hospital.

The evening OPD is being run in the Departments of Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Psychiatry, Eye and ENT, apart from focusing on early detection and screening for all types of Cancer including cancer of Cervix, Breast, Head and Neck and Oral Cavity with deployment of existing staff from respective departments of these Hospitals. This is also supported by the diagnostic services like Laboratory, Radio-diagnosis, Minor OT, Dressing Room and Pharmacy services. The timing of the evening OPD is 5.00 PM to 8.00 PM during summer and 4.30 PM to 7.30 PM during winter. Depending on the response, the facility would be extended to other Central Govt. Hospitals. However, 'Health' being is State subject under the Constitution of India, it is for the State Governments to provide facilities of evening OPD in their Hospitals according to their need and resources available.

(e) Honorarium is being paid to the staff and doctors attending evening OPD.