

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:226

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INCREASE IN HOSPITAL BEDS

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

- (a) whether the ratio of hospital beds per thousand population in India is very low in comparison to the other developing countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether various Government hospitals do not have adequate number of beds in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of beds available in such hospitals, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy in this regard or increase the number of beds in the hospitals; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 226 FOR 12TH MARCH, 2010

As per the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence's survey (2008-09), the number of beds in the country is 540330 in 11614 Government hospitals. However, as per the World Health Statistics 2009, there is no global norm for the density of hospital beds in relation to total population. In the European Region, there are 63 hospital beds per 10,000 population compared with 10 per 10,000 in the African Region. Statistics on hospital bed density are generally drawn from routine administrative records but in some settings only public sector beds are included. In the Central Government Hospitals viz., Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh and Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research, Puducherry are concerned; the number of beds available is given below:

Name of Hospital	Number of Beds
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Safdarjung Hospital	1531
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Dr. R.M.L. Hospital	1055
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Lady HardingeMC & SK Hospital& KSCH	1247
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AIIMS	2336
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Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh	1650
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Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research, Puducherry	1578
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Total 9397

Expansion and upgradation of infrastructures including increase in bed strength of hospitals is an ongoing process and the same are under taken as per the need and available resources.