

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

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ENHANCEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AT AIIMS

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

- (a) whether the patients have to wait for years together for getting treatment/surgery in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and the Central Government hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the said hospitals are lacking resources;
- (d) if so, the reasons for not utilizing the available resources; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this direction?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) Patients coming to AIIMS and other Central Government hospitals are attended in various specialty /superspecialty OPDs/casualty well in time. As regards the patients requiring hospitalization, waiting period for admissions varies from few days to few months in various departments which can be attributed to the fact that the number of patients coming for OPD consultations, emergency services and inpatient hospitalization exceeds the maximum handling capacity as per available resources, which are being utilized by the hospitals to the maximum extent. However, to decongest the existing hospitals, the Government is setting up 6 new AIIMS like institutions at Patna, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Raipur and Rishikesh.