

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

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SHORTAGE OF HOSPITAL BEDS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether World Health Organisation (WHO) recommend five hospital beds per 1,000 population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in Delhi only three bed per 1000 population are available;
- (d) if so, steps taken by the Government to meet shortage of hospital beds;
- (e) whether there is no specialization in the field of emergency medicine in the country; and
- (f) if so, steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve emergency medicine services; and
- (g) the measures being taken by the Government for providing safe working environment for the doctors at the hospitals?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As reported by World Health Organization (WHO), there is no such recommendation.

(c) & (d): The ratio of Hospitals beds varies from hospital to hospital depending upon the availability of facilities.

Upgradation/strengthening of services including increase in beds of a hospital is an on going process and same are undertaken as per the need and available resources.

(e) & (f): Emergency medicine service is a new specialized branch, which is already introduced in some medical institutions/hospitals and is one of the priority subject to start Post Graduate course under the 11th Five-Year plan.

(g): For providing safe working environment to the doctors, these hospitals have taken various measures like installation of CCTV for coverage of hospital premises, strengthening of security, measures, maintenance of high level of sanitation, use of personal protection gears, etc.