

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

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IMPROVEMENT IN MEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to improve the medical infrastructure in the country including setting up of new hospitals and medical colleges in North-Eastern region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of hospitals that have received accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the quality of Indian hospitals at par with international standards?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Improvement of the medical infrastructure in the country including setting up of new hospitals and medical colleges in North-Eastern region is one of the thrust areas of the government. As a step towards this, to increase the number of seats and to open more medical colleges in the country including North Eastern Region, the Central Government has relaxed the norms of teacher student ratio, land requirement, bed strength, bed occupancy, maximum admission capacity, increase in the age of teaching faculty and infrastructural facilities.
- (c) As per information provided by the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH), 63 hospitals have been granted accreditation by NABH.
- (d) Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) funds are provided to the State governments to comply with the Indian Public Health Standard (IPHS) for improvement of quality of public health delivery system including creation of new infrastructure, upgradation of existing facilities and, augmentation of manpower based on specific proposals received from the State governments.