

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

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RATIO OF BEDS IN HOSPITALS

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

- (a) the number of hospitals in the country, State/UT-wise alongwith criteria/ norms laid down by the Government to establish Government hospitals in rural areas of the country;
- (b) the details of average number of Government hospitals per thousand of population in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether India is at the lowest echelon in the world in terms of hospital beds per thousand population;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the efforts made by the Government to increase the ratio of hospital beds per thousand population and details of the achievements made in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Health being a state subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government to lay down norms/criteria to establish hospitals according to their need/priorities within the available resources with them. As per the National Health Profile 2010 published by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), there is total number of 12760 Government Hospitals available in the Country. The details of the availability of the Government hospital State/UT-wise as per the National Health Profile 2010 published by CBHI are given in annexure.

(b): As per the National Health profile 2010 published by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), approximately 91000 population were served per Government Hospital in the country.

(c) to (e): There is no global norm for the density of hospitals beds in relation to total population. Since 'Health' is a state subject, it is responsibility of the State Governments to make efforts to increase the bed strength in accordance to their requirement and available resources. However, in centrally run hospitals, namely, Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and its Associated Hospitals in Delhi, and in Autonomous Institutions such as AIIMS, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh and JIPMER, Puducherry, bed strength has steadily increased. Bed Strength will further go up with several AIIMS like institutions being set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY). There has also been increase in bed strength through the NRHM and various schemes for upgradation of medical colleges.