

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

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE TO HEALTH PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to provide World Bank Assistance under the State Health System Projects for upgrading secondary health care system for rural hospitals;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided by Government for hospital projects in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government is contemplating to reserve beds for the poor in private hospitals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The World Bank is currently funding State Health Systems Development Projects in Rajasthan, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. These projects include enhancement of the capacity of pre-existing health facilities at district and sub district levels.
- (c) & (d): As health is a state subject, reserving of beds for poor in private hospitals is not within the purview of Central Government. In respect of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, in pursuance of the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi dated 22.3.2007 in the matter of Social jurist V/s GNCTD & others in WPC No. 2866/2002, certain private hospitals, which had got land at concessional rates from various land allotting agencies, are required to provide 10% IPD and 25% OPD free of cost to the eligible category of economically weaker section patients.