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WAITLIST OF OUTDOOR/INDOOR PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a long waitlist of outdoor/indoor patients for treatment in various premier hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, hospital wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to ease the situation?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally. However, in so far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi viz. Dr. RML Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated hospitals are concerned, there is no waitlist for OPD patients. All emergency operations & patients are taken care of immediately without any delay. Only for routine elective surgeries there is some waiting period which varies from department to department and from case to case basis.

With regard to AIIMS, it is informed that the patients needing hospitalization for diagnostic and/or therapeutic purpose are admitted either from the OPD's (including specialty clinics) or through casualty/emergency. There is an acute shortage of indoor beds in relation to the number of patients attending the Hospital in different departments of the AIIMS hospital. Various clinical department make their own waiting list of patients needing admission according to patient's condition, the urgency of treatment required and bed availability on the particular day. In case of casualty/emergency, in the case of life saving situation, all efforts are made to admit the seriously ill patient in the hospital as far as 'practically' possible. In case of non-availability of bed in the emergency, the patients are first stabilized etc and after stabilization they are sent to other govt. hospital for further management.

Creation of additional infrastructure and upgradation of existing facilities is a continuous process and is taken up as per the requirement and availability of funds.