

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONDITION OF HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study is being conducted regarding the condition of the Government district hospitals all over the country;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to frame some norms, such as ISO to establish model hospitals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any initiative has been taken to fill vacant posts in Government hospitals; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a): No.

(b) & (c): The Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS), formulated under NRHM sets benchmarks for various healthcare facilities including District Hospitals. It has the following objectives:

- (i) to provide comprehensive secondary health care (Specialists and referral services) to the community through the District Hospitals.
- (ii) to achieve and maintain an acceptable standard of quality of care.
- (iii) to make the services more responsive and sensitive to the needs of the people of the district and the hospitals/centres from which the cases are referred to the district hospitals.

(d) & (e): States are impressed upon to take measures for fill-up vacant posts. As per Rural Health Statistics 2010, the number of doctors at PHCs has increased from 20308 in 2005 to 25870 in 2010. Similarly, the number of specialists at CHCs has increased from 3550 in 2005 to 6781 in 2010. The nursing staff at PHCs/CHCs has increased from 28930 in 2005 to 58450 in 2010. The number of Health Workers (Females)/ANM at Sub-Centres/PHCs has increased from 133194 in 2005 to 191457 in 2010.