

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WARD IN AIIMS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to demolish the old private ward and to construct a new ward in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the treatment in AIIMS is becoming more expensive day by day and becoming out of reach of the common man;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b) The IIT Rurkee has evaluated the seismic stability of the existing private ward block in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and recommended extensive retrofitting requiring stripping down the building right to its foundation and exposing the steel structure for strengthening with a time frame of 12-15 months. Because of added advantage of increasing the height to Ground + 8 floors and making provision for basement parking it was decided that demolition of the old building and reconstruction of new building is more practical and faster than retrofitting the same building. The new building is supposed to have some additional advantages like more private rooms, parking space for 350 cars, patient facilitation service for central admission, dedicated space for department of hospital administration, dedicated fire tower, state of art facilities to minimize infection and to improve patient care, value added services like cafÃ©, patient information system etc.

(c) No.

(d) to (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.