

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the Government policy relating to providing health care services to its citizens along with the measures taken to implement the same;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any programme for modernisation of Government hospitals including Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government hospitals in the country are overcrowded due to inadequate infrastructure including doctors, medicines and building accommodation, etc. and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate infrastructure in Government hospitals?

**Answer**

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

(a): The National Health Policy has been formulated in 2002 to achieve an acceptable standard of good health amongst the general population of the country. In pursuance with the policy guidelines, the Government launched National Rural Health Mission in 2005 with a view to provide accessible, affordable, accountable and quality health care facilities in rural areas with focus on poor and vulnerable sections of the society.

(b) to (e): Health is state subject, it the responsibility of the State Governments to create adequate health infrastructure in the States to meet the growing number of the patients. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing assistance through various programmes such as NRHM etc. In addition, Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) was approved. It aims at correcting the imbalances in availability of affordable/reliable tertiary level healthcare in the country in general and augmenting facilities for quality medical education in the under-served States.

As far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals are concerned, it is a fact that there is an increase of patients. In order to meet the need of increasing load of patients in these hospitals, up-gradation of Hospital infrastructure and services is done on a continuous basis in their available resources.