GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:389
ANSWERED ON:07.09.2012
EMPANELLED HOSPITALS UNDER CGHS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to substantially increase the number of empanelled hospitals under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) to ensure effective coverage of the scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a number of hospitals have shown their reluctance for empanelment under the scheme, on account of delay in the settlement and payment of bills; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 389 FOR 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

(a)to(c): Government empanels private hospitals under CGHS periodically and last such empanelment under e-tender and continuous empanelment scheme was completed in 2011. 486 Private hospitals and 134 Diagnostic centres are empanelled under CGHS as on date.

(d)&(e): No. Government appointed UTI-ITSL as Bill Clearing Agency for speedy settlement of the bills of empanelled private hospitals and diagnostic centres. Under this arrangement, hospitals and diagnostic centres are required to submit their bills electronically to UTI − ITSL after discharge of the patient, followed by submission of the bills in physical format. UTI− ITSL makes payments to the hospitals and diagnostic centres as per the approved CGHS package rates within ten days of receipt of the physical bills. To enable UTI − ITSL to make payments to hospital, an advance of Rs.70 crore has been placed at the disposal of UTI-ITSL as a Rolling Fund by CGHS. After UTI-ITSL makes payments to the hospitals, the bills are submitted to CGHS periodically for scrutiny and final settlement. The final settlement amount is then recouped to UTI-ITSL.