

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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ARRANGEMENT OF SHELTER FOR ATTENDANTS OF PATIENTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided shelters for attendants of patients in Government hospitals including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has plans to make Dharamshala like shelter for the attendants of patients in Government hospitals;and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to appropriately accommodate attendants of patients?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c) Health is a state subject and it is primarily state Government's responsibility to provide health care facilities including shelters for attendants of patients. In so far as three Central Government Hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC & Smt. S.K. Hospital are concerned, there are adequate arrangements for shelter for the attendants of the patients. In Dr. RML Hospital, a project to construct four storied Dharmshala has been approved and construction has started.

In so far as the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is concerned, it has three Dharamshalas for patients and their attendants.