

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

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AVAILABILITY OF BEDS

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

- (a) whether as per the statistics recently released by the World Health Organisation (WHO) the availability of beds in the hospitals of the country is much less as compared to the population and not in accordance with the norms prevalent at international level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of hospital beds available in the country particularly in the Central Government hospitals and its associated hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);
- (d) the funds allocated during each of the last three years and the current year for this purpose, hospital-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the norms prevalent at international level and improve the bed population ratio?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): As per 'World Health Statistics 2012' Table No.6 published by WHO, the availability of hospital bed per 10,000 population in India is 9. As per the National Health Profile – 2011 compiled by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), the availability of average population served per government hospital bed is 1521. As far as AIIMS and three Central Government Hospitals i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC & associated Hospital are concerned, the details are given below:

S. No. Name of Hospital No. of beds available

- 1. AIIMS 2224
- 2. Safdarjung Hospital 1531
- 3. LHMC and associated Hospital 1252
- 4. Dr. RML Hospital 1065

With regard to three Central Government Hospitals mentioned above, the issues of the expansion of facilities including beds in these Hospitals are taken up in accordance with requirement and availability funds. There is no separate fund earmarked for increasing the number of beds. However, the funds allocation in respect of these three hospitals and AIIMS during the last three years and the current year are as below:

(Rs. in crore)
Dr. RML Hospital
Year Revenue Capital Plan Non Plan

2010-11	79	121	37
2011-12	104	132	29
2012-13	132	144	48
2013-14	88	163	153

Safdarjung Hospital				
Year	Revenue		Capital Plan	
	Plan	Non Plan		
2010-11 (FE)	107	182	52	
2011-12 (FE)	162	207	29	
2012-13 (FE)	213	210	44	
2013-14 (BE) #	200	236	150	

LHMC & SSK Hospital				
Year	Revenue		Capital Plan	
	Plan	Non Plan		
2010-11	40	97	39	
2011-12	40	114	40	
2012-13	67	131	25	
2013-14	150	135	45	

FE-Final Estimates
#BE-Budget Estimates

Year	AIIMS	
	Plan	Non-Plan
2010-11	380	605
2011-12	412	650
2012-13	470	789
2013-14	550	790

Since Health is State subject, it is responsibility of the State Government to make efforts for increasing the bed strength in the Hospitals under their jurisdiction. However, the Central Government provides assistance to the State Governments in their efforts to provide better health care facilities to people through various schemes such as NRHM. The Central Government also approved the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) in March 2006, which 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. This scheme, envisages setting up six institutions like the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), one each in the States of Bihar (Patna), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Odisha (Bhubaneswar), Rajasthan (Jodhpur), Chhattisgarh (Raipur) and Uttarakhand (Rishikesh); and upgradation of 19 existing medical institutions.