

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPANSION AND MODERNISATION OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether due to delay in modernisation and expansion of Government hospitals in Delhi, the patients coming to Delhi from all over the country have to wait for very long periods for getting treatment in these hospitals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;and
- (c) the effective measures taken/being taken by the Government for expansion and modernisation of Government hospitals in Delhi?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) As far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals are concerned, patients come to these hospitals not only from Delhi and NCR but also from other states of the Country leading to some waiting time in some specific Department. However, emergency patients are attended to promptly. Upgradation and development of these hospitals is a continuous process and is taken up as per the requirement and availability of funds.

In addition, 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.