

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:179
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2013
BED PATIENT RATIO
Scindia Smt. Yashodhara Raje

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

- (a) whether the number of beds in various hospitals in Delhi is much less in comparison to the number of patients admitted there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, hospital-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of patients' wards and also to improve the bed-patient ratio?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) As per the provisional information compiled by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) under this Ministry, there are 43109 beds available in 126 Government Hospitals in Delhi. Since Public Health is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the Government of NCT of Delhi to take steps for increasing the patients wards and improve the bed-patient ratio. As far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals are concerned, 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.