

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:23

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TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN AIIMS

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

(a) whether a large number of patients including those from outside Delhi who visit Union Government Hospitals in Delhi for better treatment are facing a lot of difficulties in getting appointments from doctors for treatment including surgeries particularly in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to meet this challenge effectively and provide timely treatment to them?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 23 FOR 6TH DECEMBER, 2013

(a) & (b): Out of the total number of patients visiting AIIMS and three Central Government Hospitals viz. Safdurjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals, for treatment, more than 50% are from outside Delhi. As a result, there is a huge load on these four hospitals, as against their installed capacity. Due to the limited availability of beds and the ever increasing load factor on these four hospitals, it is true that there is a waiting period for certain procedures.

(c): A Massive expansion of all these four hospitals is going on. As there is a space constraint in expanding the present premises of AIIMS, the Government is setting up 6 new AIIMS in various states to provide tertiary care to the general population in the respective States/region. These have started functioning and services are being given to the local beneficiaries. This initiative will progressively bring down the load on AIIMS/Delhi in the coming years. Besides this, Government has approved upgradation of 13 medical colleges upgraded under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). Out of these 13 Medical Colleges, civil work in respect of 8 medical colleges has been completed. In addition, Government has also approved up-gradation of 39 more Medical Colleges under PMSSY. This will further reduce the inflow of the patients from distant areas to come to Delhi for better treatment and will reduce the load factor on these facilities and progressively bring down the waiting period.

On similar lines, capacity augmentation has also been done in the three Central Government hospitals and there are ongoing projects underway in all the three facilities. At present, there are 2166 beds in these 3 hospitals. These projects when completed, will add 3837 new beds thereby, nearly tripling the present capacity. This will also help in substantially bringing down the waiting period.