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NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up National Accreditation Board for Hospitals;
- (b) if so, the number of hospitals in the country which have acquired accreditation so far, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the benefits to be accrued to patients and hospital on account of such accreditation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (b): Yes. National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), an independent body has been set up by the Quality Council of India for the accreditation of testing and calibration of laboratories which includes pathological laboratories.

The number of State/UT wise hospitals which have acquired accreditation so far are as under:-

State Number of Accredited Hospitals.

Maharashtra 4

Karnataka 6

New Delhi 8

Kerala 7

West Bengal 2

Rajasthan 1

Punjab 2

Andhara Pradesh 2

Gujarat 3

Tamil Nadu 2

Haryana 2

Uttar Pradesh 2

Bihar 1

Total 42

Accreditation results in high quality of care and patient safety. The patients are serviced by credential medical staff. Rights of patients are respected and protected. Patient's satisfaction is regularly evaluated. It helps hospitals to establish systems, processes, protocols and monitoring of clinical outcome. It improves overall professional development of clinicians and Para Medical Staff and provides leadership for quality improvement with medicine and nursing.