

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

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

- (a) whether there is a huge shortage of hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether there is also a shortage of infrastructure in the existing hospitals of the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (c) : As per the information compiled by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence of this Ministry, 19817 Government hospitals including CHCs are available in the Country, State-wise details of which are given in the annexure.

Since Health is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government to provide adequate number of hospital in proportion to the population in the State. However, Central Government supplements their efforts by way of providing assistance for redressal of shortage of infrastructure in the existing hospitals under various schemes/programmers such as National Health Mission, etc. In addition, the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) has been approved with the objective of correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable/reliable tertiary healthcare services and to also augment facilities for quality medical education in the country.