

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HOSPITALS AND BED PATIENT RATIO

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

- (a) whether as per the statistics released by various organizations including the World Health Organization (WHO) the availability of beds in the hospitals of the country is much less as compared to the population and not in accordance with the norms prevalent at international level and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of Government hospitals in the country along with the number of beds available therein including health centres/district hospitals, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of hospitals and beds required for patients in urban and rural areas, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has allocated funds to the States/UTs for setting up of hospitals and beds and if so, the details of funds allocated/utilized for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the norms prevalent at international level and improve the hospital and bed ratio in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) to (e): As per the National Health Profile - 2013 compiled by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), 628708 beds are available in 19817 Government Hospitals including CHCs in the country, the details of which are given in Annexure I.

Since Health is a State subject, the information regarding State/UTs-wise requirement of beds in urban and rural areas, is not maintained centrally. It is the responsibility of the State Governments to make efforts to provide adequate healthcare facilities to the people. Central Government supplements their efforts by way of providing assistance to the State Governments through various Schemes/ Programmes such as National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), etc. A statement showing State Programme Implementation Plan (SPIP) approval and expenditure incurred for hospital strengthening, new constructions/ renovation and setting up of health centres during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is attached at Annexure II. 100/50/30 bedded Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Wings have been sanctioned in 470 Public Health facilities with high bed occupancy in past three years. These would create 28,500 additional beds in these health facilities across 18 states.

Government is also presently setting up 7 AIIMS with 960 beds each and has also taken up up-gradation of 13 medical colleges in first phase; 6 medical colleges in second Phase; and 39 medical colleges in third Phase under PMSSY.

In so far as three central Government Hospitals located in Delhi namely Safdarjung Hospitals, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Harding Medical College and associated hospitals (LHMC) are concerned, increase in beds by way of creation of new infrastructure or up-grading existing infrastructure is a continuous process and taken in accordance with requirement and availability of funds. In recent past, Government has proved redevelopment plan of LHMC and Safdarjung Hospital, which, on completion, will add 570 and 1307 additional beds.