

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

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Shortage of Beds in Hospitals  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of beds in hospitals across the country including All India Institute of medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether India ranks lowest in the world in respect of availability of beds in hospitals per 1000 persons and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether cases of harassment of patients have come to the notice of the Government due to unavailability of beds in hospitals including AIIMS, New Delhi and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take concrete measures to reduce the shortage of beds in hospitals across the country including AIIMS, New Delhi; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per the provisional data of National Health Profile- 2015 compiled by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), there are 6,75,779 beds available in Government hospitals including CHCs in rural and urban areas and 2,44,506 beds available in the Hospitals attached with Medical Colleges in the Country.

As far as AIIMS, New Delhi, and three Central Government Hospitals viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals in Delhi are concerned, the number of beds are satisfactory. However, the number of patients visiting to these Hospitals/Institute for treatment is much larger as compared to their handling capacity in terms of number of beds, manpower and other resources. Despite availability of huge infrastructure and other services in these Hospitals, there is a waiting period for certain procedures due to the ever increasing pressure on infrastructure and available manpower in these hospitals, which varies from Department to Department in these Hospitals.

(b): No such data is maintained.

(c): No patients is refused treatment due to unavailability of beds by any of the Central Government Hospitals.

(d) & (e): Since Health is State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government to make efforts for increasing the bed strength in the Hospitals under their jurisdiction in accordance with requirement and fund availability. However, 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 National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The Central Government has also decided to open new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences at different locations of the country and up-gradation of existing medical institutions.

Expansion of existing facilities and creation of new facility in a Hospital is an on-going process and is undertaken as per the requirement and availability of resources.

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