

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

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Shortage of Beds in the Hospital
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- (a) whether there is acute shortage of beds in the hospitals to accommodate patients across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, hospital and State/UT-wise including Gujarat; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of beds along with the funds allocated/utilised, State/UT-wise for the purpose?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) to (c): As per the National Health Profile - 2016 compiled by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), 754724 beds are available in 19653 Government Hospitals including Community Health Centres (CHCs) in the country, the details of which are given in Annexure. Since Health is State subject, information regarding State/UTs-wise shortage of beds 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 NRHM, PMSSY, etc.

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 upgrading 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, provide 570 and 1307 additional beds respectively.