

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:564  
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Delay in Surgeries in Hospitals  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the waiting period for patients awaiting surgeries in AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi varies from six months to three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the lack of infrastructure as well as shortage of doctors and hospitals in cities where patients can be taken care of are adding to the woes of patients; and
- (d) if so, the necessary steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Waiting period for elective and non-emergency procedures is approximately upto 3-6 months in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), and Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi.

(c) & (d): Adequate medical care is provided to all patients who come to these hospitals for treatment within the available infrastructure. To address the increasing patient load, Government has approved an additional 85 HDU beds and 106 ICU beds over the last 3 years to cater to the needs of the critically ill patients. In addition, the Government has taken a number of steps to augment tertiary care facilities including setting up of new AIIMS like institutions; strengthening Super Specialties in Government Medical Colleges; and setting up of State Cancer Institutes and Tertiary Cancer Care Centres in Government Medical Colleges.