

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:442
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2014
UPGRADATION OF DISTRICT HOSPITALS
Muddahanumegowda Shri S.P.

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

- (a) Whether the Government has laid down minimum standards with regard to medical facilities and services to be provided by the district hospitals in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether the Government is implementing any scheme for strengthening and upgradation of the existing district hospitals in various States/UTs and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) The details of the district hospitals upgraded/identified for upgradation and the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) The medical facilities added to these hospitals as a result thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to maintain the same?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 442 FOR 8th AUGUST, 2014

(a): Public Health being a State subject, the Government of India has not laid down any minimum standards with regard to medical facilities and services to be provided by the District Hospitals in the country. However, it has laid down Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) for different facilities including District Hospitals that these facilities should aspire for.

(b), (c) & (d): There is no specific scheme under National Health Mission (NHM) for strengthening and upgradation of the existing District Hospitals. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), financial support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening their health care system, including for strengthening and upgradation of the existing District Hospitals. This is based on the demands posed by States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). This support is provided for addition of medical facilities such as creation/up-gradation of Maternal and Child Care (MCH) wings, Special New Born Care Units (SNCUs), labour rooms, operation theatres, skill labs, diagnostic labs, other infrastructure etc.

The Statement regarding the funds allocated for the strengthening of District Hospitals during each of the last three years under National Health Mission (NHM), State/UT-wise is placed at Annexure. Process of approvals for the current year is ongoing.

Apart from this, under National Health Mission (NHM), Untied Grant at an average of Rs 10 Lakhs is provided to District Hospitals which is utilized by the Rogi Kalyan Samitis to maintain and improve medical facilities and services. Further, these Rogi Kalyan Samitis are empowered to raise resources including through user fees for maintenance of the District Hospitals and improving facilities for patients.