

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:167

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TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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

(a) whether the Government has taken note of difficulties being faced by the patients visiting the Central Government hospitals including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Lucknow and Chandigarh for treatment including surgery and if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the number of patients visiting these hospitals and wait listed for various surgeries viz. heart surgery, neuro surgery or ortho surgery etc. and if so, the details thereof, hospital-wise; and

(c) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to address the problems faced by the patients?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 167 FOR 18TH JULY, 2014

The number of patients visiting AIIMS, New Delhi, PGIMER, Lucknow and PGIMER, Chandigarh and three Central Government Hospitals viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals for surgery and 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. As such, various Clinical Departments make their own waiting lists of patients in need of admission taking into consideration the condition of patients, urgency of treatment required and bed availability on a particular day. However, all the patients registered in OPD are given adequate care and attention while providing them clinical treatment.

2. 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. Projects for augmentation of capacity have also been approved in the three Central Government hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals.

3. In addition, due to space constraint for expansion of AIIMS, New Delhi, the Government is setting up 6 new AIIMS in various States to provide tertiary care to the general public in the respective States/region. Besides this, Government have also taken up up-gradation of 13 existing Government medical college institutions in the first phase under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) and 6 existing Government medical colleges/ institutions in the second phase of PMSSY, which include improving health infrastructure through construction of Super Speciality Blocks/Trauma centres, etc. and procurement of medical equipment for existing as well as new facilities. In addition, Government has also approved up-gradation of 39 more Medical Colleges under PMSSY.

4. These initiatives will progressively bring down the patient load on these Hospitals in the coming years leading to reduction of waiting period substantially as the inflow of the patients from distant areas to these hospitals will be reduced.