GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1252 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND DECEMBER. 2017

NEW HOSPITALS UNDER PPP

1252. SHRI MANOHAR UTAWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up some new hospitals under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has consulted with State Governments, if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the State Governments in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide better health services to the people?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) & (b): Presently this Ministry is not setting up any new hospital under PPP mode.
- (c): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide healthcare lies with the respective State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), technical and financial support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems so as to provide better healthcare services to people. This support is provided based on the proposals made by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs), within their overall Resource Envelope and includes support for strengthening of public health facilities in the States/UTs, free drug & diagnostics services, dialysis services, ambulance services, mobile medical units, comprehensive primary health care services, improvement of quality of services under National Quality Assurance and Kayakalp initiatives etc. The State/UT-wise approvals under NHM detailing the activities and funds approved for them are available at URL http://nhm.gov.in/nrhm-in-state/state-program-implementation-plans-pips.html .

The Government also provides financial support to State/UT Governments for upgrading district hospitals to medical colleges and has also setup new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences in various States.

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Further, to increase the overall number of doctors available in the country, the Government has taken following steps:

- The ratio of teachers to students has been revised from 1:1 to 1:2 for all MD/MS disciplines and 1:1 to 1:3 in subjects of Anaesthesiology, Forensic Medicine, Radiotherapy, Medical Oncology, Surgical Oncology and Psychiatry. Further, teacher: student ratio in public funded Government Medical Colleges for Professor has been increased from 1:2 to 1:3 in all clinical subjects and for Asso. Prof. from 1:1 to 1:2 if the Asso. Prof. is a unit head. This would result in increase in number of PG seats in the country.
- DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.
- Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges from 65-70 years.
- relaxation in the norms of setting up of Medical College in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/bed strength and other infrastructure.
- Strengthening/upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG courses/Increase of PG seats.
- Establishment of New Medical Colleges by upgrading district/referral hospitals preferably in underserved districts of the country.
- Strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS seats.