

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 570
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH APRIL, 2018
GREEN HOSPITALS**

***570. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:**

SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

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

- (a) whether the healthcare infrastructure in the country is adequate to address the adverse health outcomes as a result of environmental degradation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to convert the existing hospitals into green hospitals and also set up green hospitals in the country and if so, the details thereof including the concept and the benefits of green hospitals along with the names of such hospitals in the country; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the healthcare infrastructure in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (d) Health is a State subject and it is the responsibility of the State Government to provide environment friendly infrastructure. Central Government supplements their efforts by way of providing assistance for new construction/renovation of existing infrastructure, setting up of Health Centres and hospitals strengthening etc. As far as Central Government hospitals are concerned, most of them are providing specialty and super specialty services in almost all the branches of medicines and surgery and their infrastructure are adequate to address the adverse health outcome as a result of environmental degradation.

During the renovation/upgradation of hospitals, environmental concerns are generally addressed. Such processes include replacing old Air Conditioners (ACs) by new ACs with latest technology to reduce consumption of electricity, installing Solar Power Generation System, computerization/digitalization of hospital records, setting up of water treatment plant, solid waste treatment plant, effluent treatment plants, construction of new buildings as green buildings. Besides following steps have been taken to improve the healthcare infrastructure in the country:

- Rationalization in usage of raw material/resource.
- Reduced energy consumption.
- Improved process efficiency.
- Reduced waste management and disposal cost.
- Water management.
- Utilization of recoverable resource.
- Air infection Control.
- Reduced hospital acquired infection and therefore reduced length of stay
