

### Expansion of Medical facilities in Delhi Hospitals

\*258. SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) whether Government have any plan for expansion of medical facilities in the Hospitals of Delhi run by the Central Government, Delhi Administration and Local Bodies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Two 500 bedded hospitals, one each at Shahdara and Harinagar are under construction. Besides, three 100 bedded hospitals, one each at Mangolpuri, Khichripur and Jaffarpur are to be established during the Sixth Plan. These five hospitals have been planned to provide medical care to the peripheral areas of Delhi. Reinforcement medical facilities in existing hospitals is undertaken as necessary.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would request you to go through my question and the answer given by the hon. Minister. The hon. Minister is a very capable man and that is why I am making my grievance. My question is—whether Government have any plan for expansion of medical facilities in the hospitals of Delhi run by the Central Government, Delhi Administration and Local Bodies. There are important hospitals at Delhi like the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Pant Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, J. P. hospital and so many others. The question hour provides us an opportunity to know about various things and also an opportunity to the Government to project its activities. I am very sure that the Government has plans to improve medical facilities in all these hospitals and hospitals like Hindu Rao hospital and the Shahdara hospital. I am grateful to the hon. Minister that he has indicated about the hospitals being established in the Sixth Plan.

But my question is very very precise and definite. I will be grateful if the hon. Minister could give information at least in respect of some of the major hospitals about the expansion of medical facilities, like additional beds, equipment etc. If he has information, let him give it, otherwise the question may be postponed.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: I have the information with me. As far as Safdurjung hospital is concerned, we are aiming to provide the following facilities:

- (i) Construction of nurses hostel,
- (ii) Construction of out-patient department in two phases.
- (iii) Construction of operation theatre, adjacent to the casualty,
- (iv) Construction of operation theatre exclusively for orthopaedic patients,
- (v) Construction of operation theatre for maternity and gynae.
- (vi) Establishment of rehabilitation centre including construction of the building,
- (vii) Development of super-specialities in the burns department.

We are also providing additional staff necessary for this expansion.

Then, for Dr. R. M. L. hospital, a provision of Rs. 330 lakhs has been made in the 6th Plan for the expansion. Out of this amount, Rs. 69.70 lakhs is meant for staff, machinery and equipment, while Rs. 260.30 lakhs has been kept for construction work under the capital head. The capital works of the hospital include new construction or alterations of buildings of emergency, laundry block operation theatres, nursing home, staff quarters etc.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : ये हर एक अस्पताल का बता रहे हैं । ... (व्यवधान) ...

प्रधान मंत्री : यह तो बहुत लम्बा आन्तर हो गया है। आप निख कर दे देते तो ठीक होना।

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** I am giving this because the hon. Member wanted me to answer his question in detail. We are developing all the Delhi hospitals for the needy patients.

**SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT:** Delhi suffers in various ways because of the multiplicity of authorities and agencies. These hospitals are one example. I want to know if there is any agency or machinery for coordination among the various hospitals run by the Central Government, Delhi Administration and the local bodies, in the use of equipment medical facilities, expertise and so on. Does any such arrangement exist? If not, will the Government consider making some such arrangement?

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** Sir, there is a Hospital Board for the management of the Delhi Hospitals. The Board has gone into these questions and has submitted the recommendations and they are under the consideration of the Government.

**SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER:** Sir, the Hon. Minister has just spoken of what he is going to do for Delhi Hospitals. But I would like the Hon. Minister first of all to visit all the hospitals existing in Delhi. There he will find that 90 per cent of the hospitals are in a very very bad condition. I had mentioned this previously also under Rule 377 that some of the equipment, which have been obtained from foreign countries, still lie unused and they have practically rusted. Secondly, the sanitary condition in some of the hospitals is horrible.

So, I would like to ask first of all, when will the Minister visit these hospitals and secondly what is he going to do to see that the hospitals

are basically clean first? The treatment part comes second.

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** Sir, the House is aware about the increase in population in Delhi in the last decade. Apart from that every patient is accompanied by, if not a dozen, at least half a dozen members attending on the patient. All these people go to the hospitals. But I do not want to say that we are not concerned with the cleanliness of the hospitals. But I do not agree with the Hon. Member what he has said. He presumed that I have not visited the hospitals. He presumes that my colleague Kumari Kumud Joshi has not visited the hospitals. We have taken care to see that hospitals are clean; and wherever there are difficulties, we have tried to solve them.

**SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER:** Sir, the hon. Minister must have visited hospitals run by the Central Government. But my question pertains to hospitals run by local bodies. So, if he visits some of the hospitals run by the Delhi Corporation and Delhi Administration, he is bound to dismiss all the heads of those hospitals.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I support Shri Tytler that you must have surprise visits.

**SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:** Sir, I have paid surprise visits to the hospitals.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Then take me along with you.

**SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:** You don't ask him. He will get you admitted in the hospital.

**SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:** Sir, he has been a patient of All India Medical Institute and he knows that the Institute is not being run properly. But I am not referring to that side.

Sir, unless we develop a concept of neighbourhood hospital, patients going to the hospital...

MR. SPEAKER: Why don't we think about Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic hospitals also?

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: I am very much interested in Ayurvedic, but you don't allow me to put a supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: I have already allowed you, Sir. I was just putting this thing to you.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: What is happening in Delhi is that the patients go from hospital to hospital. They destroy the record or discard the record of their previous examination done in some different hospital and keep on visiting all hospitals creating problems. That leads to overcrowding and patients do not get treatment that they desire to have. Therefore, Sir, I would like to know whether the Government will consider the proposal that the patients should be attached to their neighbourhood hospital and that they should be asked to go to that hospital first. On a previous occasion the Hon. Minister had given an assurance that he will consider the question of making the All India Institute of Medical Sciences a referral institute. Even that has not been adopted. So, how can you reduce overcrowding in hospitals, unless you insist that in every area, patients should visit their hospital first, and then only on a reference, they should be allowed to go to a bigger hospital or a well-equipped hospital?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: He may be given incentive to go to these hospitals.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, if the Hon. Member had seen my reply to this question, he would have appreciated that. The very fact that we have been establishing five hospitals that are being constructed in the periphery of Delhi, they are going to reduce the pressure of patients that is existing in the hospitals. And

for the benefit of the hon. Member, I would say that the All India Institute of Medical Sciences is a referral hospital; but, unfortunately, because of pressure of general patients, it is also looking to the care of general patients.

MR. SPEAKER: The Question Hour is over.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

दिल्ली में हरिजनों के लिए आटो रिक्शे और मेटाडोर गाड़ियां

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क्या नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली राज्य परिवहन प्राधिकरण को 100 आटो रिक्शों और 30 मेटाडोर गाड़ियों के लिए, जिन्हें प्राधिकरण का विचार अनुसूचित जाति के लोगों को देने का है, वित्तीय सहायता हेतु कितने आवेदन पत्र मिले हैं ;

(ख) उनमें से कितने लोग ऐसे हैं जिनके पास 1980 से पूर्व जारी किया गया अनुसूचित जाति प्रमाणपत्र है और कितने लोगों के पास नवम्बर, 1981 से जनवरी, 1982 के बीच जारी किए गए प्रमाणपत्र हैं ;

(ग) कितने आवेदन पत्र नामंजूर किए गए ;

(घ) क्या गैर-हरिजनों के भी आवेदन पत्र लेने की शिकायतें मिली हैं ;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो प्राधिकरण क्या कार्यवाही कर रहा है ;

(च) हरिजनों को आटो रिक्शे और मेटाडोर देने के बारे में निर्धारित नीति का व्यौरा क्या है ; और