GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1707
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2019

SECOND AIIMS IN BIHAR

1707. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due announcement was made regarding the establishment of second AIIMS in Bihar in the 2015-16 budget;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the direction of establishment of second AIIMS in Bihar; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating on a plan of upgrading the Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) to AIIMS as DMCH has overall eligibility required to be upgraded to an institution like AIIMS?

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

(a): Yes.

(b) & (c): State Government had conveyed "in principle" approval to establish and develop Darbhanga Medical College & Hospital, Laheriasarai, Darbhanga (DMCH) into second AIIMS like institution in the State.

The proposal to develop DMCH into second AIIMS is not acceptable to this Ministry as new AIIMS are taken up only as greenfield projects, further the, Central team of this Ministry, in its report, had found the site at DMCH, Darbhanga, offered by the Government of Bihar, not suitable for setting up of AIIMS.

Accordingly, State Government was requested to identify suitable encumbrance free site(s) at Darbhanga, or elsewhere in the State, at an early date so that this Ministry could take further action for establishment of second AIIMS in the State.

State Government is yet to offer a suitable encumbrance free site(s) for second new AIIMS in Bihar.