

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 591  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**LONG WAITING PERIOD FOR SURGICAL OPERATIONS AT AIIMS**

**591 SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:**

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

- (a) whether patients undergoing treatment for serious ailments at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) are being allotted extremely long waiting period for surgical operations, thus, likely to further deteriorate the health of these patients;
- (b) whether the same operations are being performed in a few days for the affluent people at private hospitals, whereas the poor patients are getting years-long waiting period at AIIMS; and
- (c) the number of patients having deposited treatment charges for said operation at AIIMS, but their operation has not been performed, till date?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) to (c): In patient bed capacity of AIIMS, New Delhi and its various centres is 3279. In addition, 22 new AIIMS approved under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) have a sanctioned bed capacity of 18250. During the year 2021-22, AIIMS, New Delhi attended approx. 25.33 lakh outpatients, 2.02 lakh inpatients and performed 1.44 lakh surgical procedures. In AIIMS various clinical departments make their own waiting list of patients needing admission according to patient's condition, the urgency of treatment required and bed availability on the particular day.

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