

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2209
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2023**

LAXITY IN APPOINTMENTS FOR SURGERY IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

2209. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the patients suffering from chronic diseases related to heart, liver, kidney and nervous system are being given too distant dates for surgery by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Hospital, New Delhi;
- (b) the reasons behind patients being given dates as distant as years for surgery by the Government hospitals despite having more resources, whereas, such surgeries can be performed by the private hospitals within a few days; and
- (c) the details of waiting periods in the said hospitals for the surgery of the above mentioned diseases?

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

(a) to (c): In AIIMS, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Hospital, New Delhi 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. Lifesaving surgeries are done immediately and serious patients are admitted and operated in emergency on priority basis. Inpatient bed capacity of AIIMS, New Delhi and its various centres is 3279. 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.
