

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 38**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

**BARRACKPUR CANTONMENT HOSPITAL**

38 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the lack of essential facilities, including shortage of doctors, nurses, and medical equipment, at the Barrackpur Cantonment Hospital in West Bengal;
- (b) the current number of doctors, nurses, and hospital beds available at the Barrackpur Cantonment Hospital, and whether these are sufficient to meet healthcare needs of the personnel and their families;
- (c) whether there are any plans to upgrade medical equipment and infrastructure at Barrackpur Cantonment Hospital, including establishment of affordable medicine shops like Jan Aushadhi Kendra; and
- (d) the timeline for addressing these deficiencies and improving the overall healthcare services at the Barrackpur Cantonment Hospital?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

(a) & (b): Barrackpore Cantonment General Hospital (CGH) is a 25-bedded hospital providing basic healthcare facilities to the residents in and around the Barrackpore Cantonment. Presently, 07 Doctors (01 Permanent & 06 Contractual) and 06 Nurses (03 Permanent & 03 Contractual) are available at the Cantonment General Hospital, apart from 14 supporting staff. The hospital provides the facilities of a Polyclinic (Medicine, Dental, & Gynecologist), Ambulance services (including 24x7 ICU Ambulance), diagnostic facilities (Pathology, ECG, X-Ray and Ultrasound) and Ayurveda Clinic. There is no lack of essential facilities or shortage of staff with the CGH and the facilities are sufficient to meet the healthcare needs of the residents of the Cantonment.

(c) & (d): The CGH provides free medicines to patients within the available resources and also provides necessary medication for emergency / IPD patients. Directions have also been issued to Cantonment Board, Barrackpore to open Jan Aushadhi Kendra in the CGH on priority.

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