

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 287
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2025**

AVAILABILITY OF BEDS IN THE COUNTRY'S HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL COLLEGES

287 # DR. BHIM SINGH:

Will the **Minister of Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the hospitals and medical colleges in the country have a disproportionately small number of beds as compared to the population and they do not meet the international standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, the number of beds available in the hospitals and medical colleges of the country, especially in the Central Government hospitals and their affiliated hospitals; and
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated, during the last three years and the current year, hospital/medical college-wise, and the steps taken by Government to improve the ratio between beds and population?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) & (b): As per data of National Health Profile-2023, compiled by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), total number of beds in Government Hospitals including State Government and Local Government bodies in rural and urban areas in the Country is 8,60,688.

As far as Central Government Hospitals i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals and Rural Health Training Centre, Najafgarh are concerned, the total number of beds available in these hospitals are as under:

Name of Hospital	Number of beds
Safdarjung Hospital	2995
Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals	1800
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital	1538
Rural Health Training Centre, Najafgarh	183

(c): 'Public Health' & 'Hospitals' being State subjects, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to make efforts for increasing the bed strength in their Hospitals in accordance with requirement and fund availability. However, the Central Government provides assistance to the State Governments in their efforts to provide better health care facilities to people through various schemes Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), National Health Mission Scheme (NHM) and Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).

In respect of Central Government Hospitals, augmentation in the number of beds is done from time to time on the basis of functional requirement in different departments.

Funds allocated at Budgetary Estimates(BE) stage during each of last three years and the current year to Central Government Hospitals and associated Medical Colleges are as under:

Name of Hospital	Budget allocated (In Rs. crores)			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Safdarjung Hospital and Vardhman Mahaveer Medical College, New Delhi	1596.98	1715.00	1853.34	1874.00
Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals, New Delhi	750.71	859.44	936.68	930
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital & Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences , New Delhi	950.1	1095.8	1272.18	1610
Rural Health Training Centre, Najafgarh	29.40	34.24	38.50	65

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