

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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MULTI-SPECIALTY HOSPITALS UNDER NFR

1548 SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 91 locations have been identified for setting up tertiary level multi-specialty hospital under North East Frontier Railway (NFR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating location-wise project along with present status as well as recommendation made thereto, if any, by the Transaction Advisor for this project; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Indian Railways provide comprehensive healthcare to Railway employees, both serving and retired along with their eligible dependents. The healthcare facilities are provided through a network of railway health institutes. Presently, there are 586 Health Units and 128 Railway Hospitals existing on Indian Railways, including 11 hospitals and 47 Health Units in North East Frontier Railway. Medical facilities including infrastructure available at North East Frontier Railway are adequate to cater to the medical care needs of Railway beneficiaries.

Primary healthcare is provided by Health Units where OPD based services are rendered. The patients requiring secondary & tertiary healthcare are referred to Sub- Divisional, Divisional & Zonal Hospitals. For cases where in-house treatment is not available locally or medical condition of the patient warrants higher level of care, referral to Government hospitals and empanelled Private Hospitals is done to ensure optimal clinical care.

Establishment of new healthcare facilities and up-gradation of existing ones is an on-going process, depending on the requirements of the beneficiaries and developments in the field of Medical Science.

Indian Railways also contribute towards medical education by being a part of the Post Graduate medical education programme run by National Board of Examination in Medical Sciences (NBEMS). Post Graduate Diploma, Doctorate and Fellowship medical courses are being run for both Railway and Non-Railway doctors under this programme.

Indian Railways has now decided to establish Post Graduate Medical Institutes attached with Railway hospitals. This shall further contribute towards enhancement of number of specialist medical professionals in India. First one is planned at Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi.
