

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2035
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th DECEMBER, 2017**

FACILITIES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

**2035. ADV. SHARADKUMAR MARUTI BANSODE:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

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

- (a) whether the ratio of hospital beds per thousand population is very low in India as compared to other developing countries, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy in this regard so that number of beds in hospital could be increased and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the difficulties faced by patients due to lack of hospital beds and if so, the details thereof along with corrective measure taken in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): As per the provisional data of National Health Profile- 2017, compiled by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), one bed in Government hospitals including Community Health Centres (CHCs) in rural and urban areas is available for average 2046 population in the country.

However, no such data in respect of other countries is centrally maintained.

(b) & (c): Since Health is State subject, 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 including under National Health Mission (NHM).

As far as three Central Government Hospitals located in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) & Associated Hospitals are concerned, Government has approved redevelopment of Safdarjung Hospital with additional 1307 beds and LHMC with additional 570 beds.

In addition, the Central Government has also set up 6 new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Jodhpur, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Rishikesh, Raipur and Patna under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

Government has also taken up up-gradation of existing Government Medical Colleges.