

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2449
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH MARCH, 2018**

SHORTAGE OF BEDS IN HOSPITALS

**2449. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:
DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:**

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 reasons therefor;
- (b) the ratio of beds available in the Central Government Hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy in this regard so that the number of beds in hospital could be raised; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**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): The bed to patient ratio in respect of Safdarjung, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia (Dr. RML) and Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) & Associated Hospitals, New Delhi, is as under:-

Name of Hospital	Bed-Patient Ratio (in 2017)
Safdarjung Hospital	1:1.4
Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, LHMC	1:0.8
Kalawati Saran Children Hospital, LHMC	1:1.18
Dr. RML Hospital	1:52

As far as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi is concerned, there is a shortage of indoor beds in relation to the number of patients attending the Hospital.

(c) & (d): Health being a 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 Central Government Hospitals located in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) & Associated Hospitals are concerned, Government has approved redevelopment of Safdarjung Hospital with additional 1307 beds and redevelopment of LHMC with additional 570 beds.

In addition, the Central Government has also set up 6 new 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.