

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6666
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2018**

TREATMENT IN HOSPITALS

6666. SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the difficulties being faced by the patients visiting Central Government Hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Lucknow and Chandigarh for surgery and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the number of patients who come to these hospitals for various surgeries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to lessen the waiting time for surgery?

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

(a) to (c): The number of patients visiting Central Government Hospitals for treatment including surgery is much larger as compared to their handling capacity in terms of number of beds, manpower and other resources. Despite availability of huge infrastructure and other services in these Hospitals, there is a waiting period for certain procedures and surgeries due to the ever increasing pressure on infrastructure and available manpower in these hospitals, which varies from Department to Department.

Expansion of existing facilities and creation of new facility in a Hospital is an on-going process and is undertaken as per the requirement and availability of resources. Projects for augmentation of capacity are undertaken from time – to – time.