GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1088 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

NORTHERN RAILWAY CENTRAL HOSPITAL

1088. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD: SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Northern Railway Central Hospital (NRCH) is functioning more as a referring hospital than as a full-fledged hospital;
- (b) if so, the expenditure incurred on referrals to private empanelled hospitals vis-à-vis setting up of in house facilities for tertiary care i.e. super speciality care;
- (c) whether there has been exodus of recently appointed Super Specialists from railway hospitals; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make NRCH Atmanirbhar in tertiary treatment as per Sanyal Committee report?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a), (b) and (d): No, Sir. Northern Railway Central Hospital is full fledged tertiary care Hospital. Secondary care treatment in specialities of General Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Medicines, Eye, Plastic Surgery, Ear Nose Throat (ENT), Paediatrics, Orthopaedics, Psychiatry & Super specialties (tertiary care) of General Surgery, Oncology etc. are available in-house. Only in cases, where specialized treatment/investigations are not available in-house, are referred to empanelled Hospitals based on need basis.

Total expenditure on referred cases and the cases where patients took treatment by admitting themselves in emergency without referral, for the period January to December 2022, is approximately Rs. 60 crores. Further, up-gradation of railway hospitals is an on-going process based on developments taking place in scientific and medical sector, subject to availability of funds.

(c) : No, Sir.
