

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 334
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH AUGUST, 2023**

AIIMS DARBHANGA

†*334. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

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

- (a) the present status of AIIMS, Darbhanga;
- (b) whether 150 acres of land allocated by the Government of Bihar on the Shoyan Bypass is considered as leveraging to the Government of India and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the said piece of land on the Aurangabad-Darbhangha expressway can be immensely useful for setting up of AIIMS in Darbhanga; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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The Union Cabinet approved setting up of new AIIMS at Darbhanga on 15-9-2020. The State Cabinet, Government of Bihar on 03.11.2021 approved transfer of 200.02 acre of land of Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital (DMCH), to Government of India, free of cost, for setting up of AIIMS at Darbhanga. Subsequently, vide letter dated 3.4.2023, State Government conveyed its decision to provide approximately 151 acre of land situated on Ekmi Shobhan Bypass, Anchal- Bahadurpur, Mouza-Balia, Thana No.-120/2, in lieu of above land to establish AIIMS, Darbhanga.

This site offered by the State Government was inspected and evaluated by a Central Team constituted by the Ministry on 27.4.2023 and the above land was not found suitable for establishment of new AIIMS due to the following reasons: (a) the proposed land is a low lying area (b) the challenge to fill and compact total area (151 Acres) with good quality soil for construction (c) swelling and shrinkage characteristics of the existing soil which may cause instabilities in the built structure (d) poor engineering characteristics of the soil (e) possibility of water logging in the surrounding lowland areas if structures are built on filled up land. The same has been conveyed to the State Government on 26-05-2023.

Encumbrance free land for establishment of AIIMS in Darbhanga, Bihar, has not yet been provided by the State Government.
