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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2111 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th DECEMBER, 2021

SHORTAGE OF BEDS IN HOSPITALS

2111: SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA: SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:

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

(a) whether there is acute shortage of beds in the hospitals to accommodate patients across the country including Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, hospital and State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the number of beds along with the funds allocated/utilised for the purpose, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (c): As per data, published in the National Health Profiles (NHPs) – 2018, 2019 & 2020, compiled by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), the total number of Government Hospitals / beds in India are as under:

		Total number of Government	Total number of
		hospitals	beds
1	NHP- 2018	23,582	7,10,761
2	NHP-2019	25,778	7,13,986
3	NHP-2020	40,883	8,18,396

The State-wise details may be seen at the website of CBHI with the help of URL <u>https://www.cbhidghs.nic.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=1&sublinkid=75&lid=113</u> <u>5</u>. The relevant page for the NHP-2018, NHP-2019 and NHP-2020 are at page 24 (under chapter 6), page 266 and page 420 respectively.

'Public Health' and 'Hospitals' is State subjects, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories to make efforts for increasing the bed strength in the hospitals under their jurisdiction 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 such as National Health Mission (NHM) and Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY).