

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1632
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2022**

BEDS RESERVED FOR ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS

**1632. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.
SHRI VELUSAMY P.:**

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

- (a) Whether the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) has conducted inspection of private hospitals in Delhi to ascertain the admission of poor patients under EWS provisions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken to ensure the adherence of norms by the private hospitals in this regard;
- (c) whether hospitals have been ordered to reserve the stipulated quota for EWS patients for the specialist categories of treatments like liver, spinal injuries and such others and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to curb fraudulent conversion of free beds of EWS patients to paid category; and
- (e) whether the Government is having any proposal to impose monetary penalty for not adhering to the guidelines prescribed in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e):. Health is a state subject, it is for the respective State / Union Territory government to ensure that private hospitals provide free treatment to the poor patients as per their norms including monitoring thereof and curb any kind of fraudulent practice by them and take punitive measures.

As informed by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), inspection of private hospitals in Delhi has been carried out as per details, which are annexed.

As per guidelines issued by GNCTD, all identified private hospitals, which were allotted land at concessional rates by land owning agencies, were directed to provide 10% In Patient Department (IPD) and 25% of total Out Patient Department (OPD), completely free of any charges to eligible patients of Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category. The identified private hospital have been directed to reserve 10% of their total ward bed capacity as well as

10% of their total ICU bed capacity. However, beds are not reserved speciality-wise in identified private hospitals.

Various steps have been taken by the GNCTD to curb fraudulent conversion of free beds of EWS patients to paid category such as: -

- a) All identified private hospitals have been directed to earmark the free beds and affix a board on the wall towards the head-end of each free bed mentioning “FREE BED”
- b) Real-time availability of beds is available on the public portal
- c) Senior Nursing Officers have been posted as Liaison Officer in identified private hospitals to facilitate the patients and monitor free beds
- d) Regular inspections by the Monitoring Committee constituted by GNCTD

GNCTD does not have any proposal to impose monetary penalty for non-adherence to the guidelines prescribed in this regard. However, the implementation of the guidelines is monitored on a day to day basis by the Government.

ANNEXURE

Name of Hospital	Date of inspection
Max Super Specialty Hospital, Patparganj	25.04.2018
Fortis Escorts Heart Institute	17.06.2019
Batra Hospital	11.12.2020
Shanti Mukand Hospital	05.10.2021
DharamshilaNarayana Hospital	08.10.2021
PushpawatiSinghania Research Institute	13.10.2021
Venu Eye Institute	13.10.2021
Max Super Specialty Hospital, Saket (East Block)	13.10.2021
Maharaja Agrasen Hospital, Punjabi Bagh	21.01.2021
Shree Aggarsain International Hospital	24.02.2021
Jaipur Golden Hospital	20.03.2021
Max Smart Super Specialty Hospital	20.03.2021
Action Cancer Hospital	22.03.2021
Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute	22.03.2021
Madhukar Rainbow Children's Hospital	15.05.2021
BhagwanMahavir Hospital	03.07.2021
Hakeem Abdul Hameed Centenary Hospital (HAHC)	23.10.2021
Maharaja Agrasen Hospital, Dwarka	27.10.2021
Mata Chanan Devi Hospital	19.11.2021
St. Stephen's Hospital	07.01.2022
Mool Chand Kharaiti Ram Hospital	29.01.2022
Centre for Sight, Dwarka	05.02.2022
Vidyasagar Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Allied Sciences, Nehru Nagar, New Delhi (VIMHANS)	07.02.2022