# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1637 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022

#### PATIENTS TREATED BY DRDO HOSPITALS

1637. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA: SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY: SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI: SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of patients treated by hospitals set up by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) during the  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  wave of the Corona pandemic;

(b) the number of make-shift hospitals set up by DRDO during the second wave, their locations and the respective bed capacities along with the number of patients each hospital had catered to;

(c) whether DRDO has a strategy/ protocol to deploy these makeshift facilities of treatment and isolation in the event of another wave and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether DRDO is working on any protective technology or medicines similar to that used during 2020 and 2021 in the fight against COVID-19; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

## (SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) Patients treated during  $1^{st}$  wave – more than 4000. Patients treated during  $2^{nd}$  wave – more than 7000.

....2/-

## (b) (i) 11 Nos.

(ii) Bed Capacities of hospitals are as under:-

S.No.	Location	Bed Capacities	Patients Catered during 2 <sup>nd</sup> wave of Corona Pandemic
(1)	Delhi Cantt	750	1684
(2)	Srinagar	500	979
(3)	Jammu	500	319
(4)	Lucknow	500	471
(5)	Haldwani	500	86
(6)	Rishikesh	500	574
(7)	Ahmedabad	900	1723
(8)	Guwahati	300	1101
(9)	Varanasi	750	514
(10)	Imphal	200	
(11)	Gandhi Nagar	900	

(c) Yes, Sir. The protocol has been developed, documented and multiple vendors are engaged for carrying out the task, whenever and wherever it is needed. The infrastructure including maintenance is kept in readiness and hospitals could be made operational within a week.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) facility for genomic characterization of SARS-CoV-2 variants has been established at DRDE, Gwalior.

\*\*\*\*