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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2230 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29thJULY,2022

IRREGULARITIES IN AIIMS, BHOPAL

2230: SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

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

- a) Whether patients are facing difficulties due to shortage of doctors and medical equipments in AIIMS, Bhopal;
- b) If so, the details thereof along with corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- c) Whether the Government is in receipt of complaints regarding irregularities being committed in AIIMS, Bhopal and if so, the details thereof along with corrective steps taken in this regard;
- d) Whether the Government has identified regions and areas with acute shortage of doctors and other medical facilities in Madhya Pradesh; and
- e) If so, the details thereof along with corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

- (a) & (b) All departments of AIIMS, Bhopal are functional with adequate number of doctors and paramedical staff. Purchase of equipment, including high end equipments is planned in advance based on the need of the Institute and supported through budget.
- (c) Complaints/grievances received in the Ministry regarding functioning of the Institute are examined on merit for appropriate corrective action, wherever required.
- (d) & (e) The doctor-population ratio is 1:834 in the country assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors and 5.65 lakh AYUSH doctors, which is better than the WHO recommendation of 1:1000.

Under the National Health Mission (NHM), Government of India provides financial and technical support to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for recruitment of doctors and other health human resources, based

on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans(PIPs) within their overall resource envelope. Besides, apart from AIIMS at Bhopal, four (04) Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) in Madhya Pradesh, have been taken up for up-gradation under PMSSY.

To increase the number of medical seats in the Country, following steps have been taken:

- (i) Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with district/referral hospitals in underserved districts of the country.
- (ii) Strengthening/up-gradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS and PG seats.
- (iii)Relaxation in the norms for setting up of Medical College in terms of requirement for faculty, staff, bed strength and other infrastructure.
- (iv)Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.
- (v) DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- (vi)Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges upto 70 years.
- (vii)The ratio of teachers to students for professor has been revised from 1:1 to 1:2 for all MD/MS disciplines and 1:1 to 1:3 in all clinical subjects in Government funded medical colleges and in Private medical colleges with 15 years standing. Further, for Associate Professor, the said ratio has been revised from 1:1 to 1:2 and 1:3 if he /she is a unit head in all clinical subjects in Government medical colleges with 15 years standing. This is aimed at increase in number of PG seats in the country.
- (viii) The tenure of senior residency for appointment of Assistant Professor have been reduced from three years to one year.