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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTIN NO- 838 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/11/2024

MEDICAL TREATMENT OF PATIENTS FROM REMOTE AREAS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of serious patients from remote areas such as West Champaran, East Champaran, Sheohar and Gopalganj in North Bihar as well as Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh have to go to Gorakhpur, Darbhanga, Patna, Lucknow and Delhi for better treatment facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the hospitals in these areas such as Patna and Delhi are in a position to handle the huge influx of patients form the said areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up an AIIMS in West Champaran district to provide better medical facilities to the people of the said districts and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SH. PRATAPRAO JADHV)

(a) to (e) "Public Health and Hospitals" is a State subject. However, with the objectives of correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable/ reliable tertiary healthcare services and also to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), 22 All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have been approved including 2 AIIMS in the State of Bihar: one AIIMS at Patna which is fully functional and another AIIMS at Darbhanga. Further, for expansion and strengthening of tertiary healthcare facilities in Bihar, under another component of

PMSSY upgradation of following six (06) Government Medical Colleges/ Institutes have been approved by way of construction of Super Specialty Blocks (SSBs) on Centre-State cost sharing basis: (i) Srikrishna Medical College, Muzaffarpur (ii) Darbhanga Medical College & Hospital, Darbhanga (iii) Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Bhagalpur (iv) Anugrah Narayan Magadh Medical College, Gaya (v) Patna Medical College & Hospital, Patna and (vi) Regional Institute of Ophthalmology at Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna.

In current phase of PMSSY, there is no proposal for establishment of AIIMS in West Champaran district in Bihar.
