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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2397 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2016

HOSPITALS FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED

2397. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up hospitals for treatment of handicapped dumb and deaf persons across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) the funds allocated/sanctioned and utilised for setting up of such Government hospitals in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the time by which the said hospitals are likely to be set up?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (c): No, there is no proposal to set up hospital for treatment of handicapped dumb and deaf persons. Under National Programme for Prevention & Control of Deafness (NPPCD), infrastructure.

Strengthening has been made in district hospitals for treatment of deafness. Under the scheme of Assistance to Disabled persons for purchase of fittings of Aids Appliances (ADIP) of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Cochlear implants are provided for the hearing impaired.

(d): Does not arise in view of (a) (b) & (c) above.