

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1050
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH APRIL, 2016
OVERCROWDING IN HOSPITAL**

1050. DR. BHOLA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of overcrowding of Government Hospitals particularly in PGI at Chandigarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to accommodate more patients in Government hospitals?

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

(a) to (c): Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally. It is the responsibility of the respective State/UT Government/Administration to create adequate infrastructure/manpower to avoid overcrowding of the hospitals. The Central Government supplements their efforts by way of providing assistance to the States/UTs for creation/upgradation of health care infrastructure under various schemes like National Health Mission, etc.

As far as the Hospitals/Institutes such as AIIMS, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh and three Central Government Hospitals viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals under this Ministry are concerned, the number of patients visiting for surgery and treatment in these Institutes/Hospitals is much larger as compared to their handling capacity in terms of number of beds, manpower and other resources. Despite availability of huge infrastructure and other services in these Hospitals, there is a waiting period for certain procedures due to the ever increasing pressure on infrastructure and available manpower in these hospitals, which varies from Department to Department in these Hospitals. However, all the patients registered in OPD are given adequate care and attention while providing them clinical treatment. Expansion of existing facilities and creation of new facility in a Hospital is an on-going process and is undertaken as per the requirement and availability of resources. Projects for augmentation of capacity have also been approved in the three Central Government hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals.