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Title: Regarding increase in number of doctors and hospital beds in Odisha-laid.

SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI (BHUBANESWAR): I would like to draw attention of the Government towards Doctor to Population Ratio of Odisha as estimated in the Report of the Fifteenth Financial Commission for 2021-2026. As opposed to the all-India ratio of 1 doctor for every 1161 patients, Odisha has 1 doctor for every 1864 patients. It is even more disturbing to note that there are 9761 patients per 1 government doctor in the state of Odisha, forcing citizens to turn to private healthcare which can sometimes be unaffordable. The Report states that bed densities are also particularly low in Odisha. When India is battling a deadly pandemic, Odisha fails dismally at providing its citizens their rightful access to reliable and affordable healthcare. I implore the Minister of Health and Family Welfare to seek a Report from the Government of Odisha outlining their plan of action to increase the number of doctors and hospital beds.