

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF HOSPITAL IN IRAQ

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Indian Army propose to set up a hospital in Iraq;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of persons proposed to be sent to Iraq for this purpose;
- (d) the time by which the said hospital is likely to be set up; and
- (e) the estimated number of beds in the hospital?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e) As part of our commitment of US\$20 million in cash and kind announced in response to the UN emergency appeal for assistance to the people of Iraq, and in response to the Iraqi Ministry of Health's 'Adopt a Hospital' programme, India is setting up a hospital in Najaf in Iraq. India will collaborate with the Government of Jordan in this venture. The project involves enhancement and upgradation of an existing 250-bed Maternity and Pediatric Care Hospital under the Iraqi Ministry of Health. It is estimated that about 75 Indian doctors and support personnel will be deputed to Iraq for this purpose shortly to renovate the hospital with necessary equipment and facilities, and run it until it can be handed over to the Iraqi Ministry of Health.