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INCREASING BED CAPACITY IN AIIMS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether AIIMS is not admitting seriously injured and ill persons on the ground of lack of bed ;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to reserve beds for the seriously injured and ill persons;
- (c) the total number of beds as on date ;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to increase there number;
- (e) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved ;
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the quality of medical care in Safdarjung Hospital to reduce the load of AIIMS;
- (g) the number of machines and equipments lying idle in AIIMS and the reasons therefor; and
- (h) the steps taken to put these machines and equipments to their use to reduce the waiting time ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) The AIIMS has well equipped Department of emergency Services which functions round the clock. On an average about 400-500 patients report to the Casualty daily and all patients are attended to immediately and necessary life saving measures are initiated whenever it is required for the seriously ill patients. Emergency Department also has the best captive diagnostic facilities (like X-ray, laboratories services and CT Scanner etc.). The patients attending the emergency services (Casualty) are provided super-specialty care for proper assessment and advice in all cases commensurating to their clinical condition. All patients coming to the Emergency Department are attended to and admitted depending upon the availability of beds. In case of non-availability of beds in Emergency Ward, such patients are accommodated in the other beds available in the Hospital. However, in case of even non-availability of other beds, patients are normally referred to other Government Hospitals for admission and continuation of treatment through AIIMS ambulance.

(c) the total bed strength of AIIMS is 1956.

(d) The increase in bed strength is a continuous ongoing process and depend upon patient load, availability of resources, etc.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) While steps are taken to upgrade the infrastructural facilities at Safdarjung Hospital, the Government has also drawn up the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), for setting up six Super Speciality AIIMS like Institutions in under-served areas with a view to reducing patient load, as substantial number of patients at AIIMS come from these under-served States. It is also proposed to upgrade some of the existing Government Medical Colleges/Institutions to the level of AIIMS.

(g) & (h) According to AIIMS, the machines purchased by AIIMS are working satisfactorily and that no such machines and equipment have been reported as idling.