

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3373  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**SHORTAGE OF BEDS IN HOSPITALS/ MEDICAL COLLEGES**

**3373. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:  
MS. LOCKETCHATTERJEE:  
SHRI N.K.PREMACHANDRAN:**

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

- (a) whether the availability of beds in the hospitals/medical colleges of the country is much less as compared to the population and not in accordance with the norms prevalent at international level consequently the patients are forced to lie down on the floor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the number of hospital/medical college beds available in the country particularly in the Central Government hospitals and its associated hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and other medical colleges;
- (c) the funds allocated during each of the last three years and the current year for this purpose, hospital/medical college-wise and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the norms prevalent at international level and improve the bed population ratio;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce programme to develop the health infrastructure facilities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for providing special financial assistance for increasing the bed capacity in Government medical colleges and General Hospitals?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a) As per the provisional data of National Health profile-2018, compiled by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), one bed in Government Hospitals including Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in rural and urban areas is available for average 1844 people in the Country. However, data at international level is not maintained centrally.

(b) The number of beds in respect of Safdarjung, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi is as under:

<b>Name of Hospital</b>	<b>Number of beds</b>
Safdarjung Hospital*	2873
Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital	877
Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital	375
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital	1447
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi	2483

\*including Sports Injury Center

(c) No separate budget is allocated to Hospitals for increasing the number of beds. However, funds allocated during each of last three years and the current year to Safdarjung, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi is as under:

<b>Name of Hospital</b>	<b>Budget allocated (In crores)</b>			
	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
Safdarjung Hospital*	943.98	1121.39	1177.17	1227.20
Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital	296.00	406.49	410.74	475.10
Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital	90.00	105.48	111.81	124.90
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital**	492	556.87	562.49	750
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi	2043	2400	3018	3599.65

\*Including Sports Injury Centre and Vardhman Mahaveer Medical College, New Delhi

\*\*Including Dr. RML PGIMER, New Delhi

Further, 'Health' being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to make efforts for increasing the bed strength in their Hospitals in accordance with requirement and fund availability. However, the Central Government provides assistance to the State Governments in their efforts to provide better health care facilities to people through various schemes including under National Health Mission (NHM).

(d) & (e) As far as Central Government Hospitals located in Delhi viz. Safdarjung, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals are concerned, Government approved redevelopment of LHMC with additional 570 beds. Super Speciality Block cum paid ward block with 807 beds and Emergency Block with 500 beds in Safdarjung Hospital were started in 2018. Super Speciality Block in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital has also been approved with additional bed capacity of 509.

In addition, the Central Government has also set up six new AIIMS at Jodhpur, Bhopal, Bhubneshwar, rishikesh, Raipur and Patna under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).