

Facilities for patients at Safdarjung Hospital

962. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trolleys and wheel chairs available in the new OPD block and Ortho OPD of Safdarjung Hospital for patients;
- (b) whether these are sufficient to meet the requirement of the large number of patients visiting the hospital for treatment;
- (c) whether sufficient number of ward boys are available to help patients to take them to the doctor(s) for treatment; and
- (d) if not, the steps being taken to make available ward boys in OPD blocks?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) In Safdarjung Hospital, 22 wheel chairs and 13 trolleys are available in New OPD and 15 wheel chairs and 13 trolleys in the Ortho OPD. There do not appear to be any complaints in this regard. A total of 95 ward boys/nursing attendants are also deployed to help the patients.

Setting up of AIIMS-like institutions

963. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that, there was a proposal to set up AIIMS like institutions in various States;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal; and
- (c) what is the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes. The Government has approved the proposal for setting up of six AIIMS-like institutions in Bihar (Patna), Chhattisgarh (Raipur), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Orissa (Bhubaneswar), Rajasthan (Jodhpur) and Uttarakhand (Rishikesh) under the first phase of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY). In addition, two more institutions, one each in the State of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal were approved to be set up in the second phase of PMSSY.

(c) Construction of residential complexes for the six AIIMS-like institutions in the first phase of PMSSY has commenced. The civil work at the Jodhpur and Raipur sites has been completed. The work at the remaining four sites is at various stages of completion.

The work for Package-I — Construction of Medical College/Hostel complex has started at all the six sites in the last week of May, 2010. Letters of Intent have been issued to all selected contractors for Package-II, *i.e.* construction of Hospital Complex at all the six sites on 23.7.2010. On receipt of confirmation from the contractors, work has been awarded in respect of 4 sites on 28.7.2010.