

Acute shortage of beds per patient in hospitals across the country

‡1504. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of beds per patient in the hospitals throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has made any plan to increase the number of beds and to provide more facilities to the patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not, at present, maintain Information on the number of beds centrally. However, as per the National Health Profile 2009 compiled by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), there are 540328 number of beds in Government hospitals in the country.

The ratio of Hospitals beds varies from hospital to hospital depending upon the availability of facilities.

Upgradation/strengthening of services including increase in bed/facilities of a hospital is an on going process and same are undertaken as per the need and available resources.

Heavy Industries in Punjab

1505. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the heavy Industries working/functioning in Punjab at present;

(b) when was the last heavy industry set up in the State;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up any new industry in Punjab in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARUN YADAV) : (a) and (b) There is no specific classification of industry as "Heavy". However, in so far as Department of Heavy Industry is concerned, there is one unit of

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