

Impact of doctors' strikes on hospital services

†701. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many patients have died in absence of timely treatment due to strike of doctors in various hospitals last year;
- (b) if so, the number of hospitals where patients died due to doctors' strike last year; and
- (c) the details of measures undertaken by Government to stop recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) In so far as three Central Government hospitals located in Delhi viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Harding Medical College & Smt. S.K. Hospitals are concerned, no such case of death in the absence of timely treatment due to strike of doctors has been reported.

Opening of AIIMS like medical colleges

†702. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a plan to open hospitals at par with the standard of AIIMS in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the names of places thereof;
- (c) whether different State Governments have provided the land to these proposed medical institutes and if so, their locations thereof; and
- (d) the amount to be spent for these proposed institutes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Government is setting up six AIIMS-like institutions at Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Patna (Bihar), Raipur (Chhattisgarh) and Rishikesh (Uttarakhand) in the first phase of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) at an estimated cost of Rs.840 Crore each, including provision of Rs.20 Crore for Nursing College. The State Governments have provided land of 100 acres or more for each at the above places.

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