

(b) Does not arise.

(c) WHO has not specified per capita expenditure to be spent by Government on health in India. However, as per World Health Statistics (2011) brought out by WHO, the per capita expenditure on health by the Government, in India was US \$ 15 in 2008.

Inadequate medical facilities in the country

†1655. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical facilities available in the country is very inadequate as compared to that of world class average medical facilities;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereon;

(c) the shortcomings in medical facilities experienced in 2010-11 in the country; and

(d) the details of time bound and targeted plan to meet this inadequacy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) Health care is currently provided across the country through 314 Medical Colleges, 635 District Level health facilities, 944 Hospitals at Sub-district level, 4,535 Community Health Centres (CHCs), 23,673 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and 1,47,069 Sub Centres (SCs) apart from health facilities in private sector.

(c) and (d) As per Rural Health Statistics, 2010 there is a short fall of 19,590 sub-centres, 4252 PHCs and 2115 CHCs across the country. Augmentation and improvement of public health facilities is one of the thrust areas of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). Financial assistance is provided to States under NRHM for improvement in health infrastructure and augmentation of manpower. Up to the financial year 2010-11, 27,235 SCs, 8448 PHCs, 3111 CHCs and 547, District Hospitals have been taken up under NRHM for new construction/renovation/up-gradation works. To meet the shortages of manpower, 28070 doctors/specialists including AYUSH doctors, 55407 Staff Nurses/paramedics, 60268 Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) have been engaged on contractual basis

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under NRHM. Further, for taking care of health care needs of uncovered and difficult area, 1787 Mobile Medical Units have been provided in 461 districts across the country.

Charging of exorbitant fees by private hospitals

†1656. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that as against Government hospitals, private hospitals are charging ten times the expenditure on operation;

(b) if so, whether in order to control private hospitals, Government would issue order for notifying rates and their display in hospitals;

(c) if so, the time by when directions would be issued to all private hospitals in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Health being a state subject, no such information is maintained centrally. However, Government is aware of the need to regulate the private hospitals and other clinical establishments in the country.

In order to bring in such regulation, the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010 has been enacted by the Parliament. Once adopted by the States, it would be responsibility of the State Governments to ensure quality services and keep a check on malpractices in private hospitals, nursing homes and special care facilities. The National Council of Clinical Establishments would finalize the minimum standards of facilities and services for such clinical establishments.

Free medicines and diet for pregnant women in hospitals

†1657. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that with the objective of bringing down the mother and child mortality rates, Government has prepared a plan to provide free medicines and diet to all pregnant women, and monitor the health of children in all hospitals of the country from June 2011;

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