

- (iii) Relaxation in teacher-student ratio to increase the seats at Postgraduate level.
- (iv) Enhancement of age limit for appointment/extension/re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/director in medical colleges from 65 to 70 years.
- (v) Financial support to State medical colleges, under the scheme of "Strengthening and Upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges", to increase postgraduate seats in various disciplines or to start new postgraduate medical courses
- (vi) Financial assistance to strengthen and upgrade the schools and colleges of nursing.
- (vii) Establishment of eight AIIMS-like institutions (six in first phase and two in second phases) in the country under PMSSY.
- (viii) Establishment of 6 colleges of nursing at sites of AIIMS like institutions being set up under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

**Over crowding in Government hospitals**

1022. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that huge number of patients in Government hospitals are unable to get medical treatment due to over crowding;
- (b) whether Government is aware that OPD counters in Government hospitals are equipped with inadequate manpower and outdated method of registration of patients;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to monitor the condition of Government hospitals; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) Since Health is a State Subject, no such information is maintained centrally. It is the responsibility of the State Governments to take necessary steps to provide adequate healthcare facilities to the people.

As far as three Central Government Hospitals viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals are concerned, all the patients coming for medical treatment are attended to promptly. Most of these hospitals are having computerized Registration Counters managed by trained manpower. The complaint/Grievances Cell are also functioning in the Hospitals and regular meetings and

inspections are undertaken for smooth functioning of the hospitals by the Hospital Authorities. Director General of Health Service is the overall in charge of the Central Government Hospital administration, under his supervision regular and frequent monitoring and inspection are carried out to monitor the working of these hospitals.

**Prevention of malnutrition among children**

1023. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rate of malnutrition among Indian children has been on the rise as reported by the Child Development Index 2012;
- (b) if so, the current rate of malnutrition and the rate of increase from the previous year among children below the age of five;
- (c) the measures being taken to reduce malnutrition among children; and
- (d) to what extent these measures have been effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) Child Development Index is a composite index which considers Child mortality, access to primary education and under nutrition. As per Child Development Index (CDI) 2012, India is positioned at 112th rank, whereas India was ranked 103rd in 2000-04.

There is no specific country-wise information regarding rise in the rate of malnutrition in the report on Child Development Index 2012.

(c) In the reproductive and child health programme of NRHM, the remedial steps taken are as follows:—

- Promotion of appropriate infant and young child feeding practices that include early initiation of breast-feeding and exclusive breast-feeding till 6 months of age.
- Management of malnutrition and common neonatal and childhood illnesses at community and facility level by training service providers in IMNCI (Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses) training.
- Treatment of children with severe acute malnutrition at special units called the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs), set up at public health facilities. Presently 564 such centres are functional all over the country.
- Specific program to prevent and combat micronutrient deficiencies of Vitamin A and Iron and Folic Acid. Vitamin A supplementation for children till the age of 5 years and Iron and Folic Acid supplementation for children 6 to 60 months.