

1	2	3	4	5
Uttarakhand	748	757	835	673
West Bengal	6,640	7,382	7,929	5,698
TOTAL	3,19,085	3,17,336	2,85,152	2,08,266

Source: National AIDS Control Organisation - Computerised Management Information System

### Rise in patient-load at Government hospitals

†1656. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of patients visiting Government hospitals has increased in the country during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the major reason behind this is un-affordable cost of health services at private hospitals in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government during the last five years to control the rising cost of health services in private hospitals and clinics?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) 'Health' is a State subject and hence no such information is maintained centrally. As far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals are concerned, patients come here not only from Delhi and NCR but also from neighbouring and far flung States. The data regarding indoor patients and OPD patients of these hospitals for the last five years are as under:—

Name of Hospital	Year	Admission	OPD attendandant
1	2	3	4
Safdarjung Hospital	2008	129271	2218294
	2009	128175	2319606
	2010	124832	2168634
	2011	129943	2306539
	2012	140818	2584186

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
Dr. RML Hospital	2008	53041	1357627
	2009	55818	1300037
	2010	55506	1582287
	2011	56880	1653905
	2012	60568	1803971
LHMC and Smt.	2008	32188	523189
S.K. Hospital	2009	30736	528048
	2010	31560	546614
	2011	30753	551171
	2012	33707	582727
KSCH	2008	29985	297905
	2009	27951	309398
	2010	28840	283214
	2011	27123	290184
	2012	29188	292111

The number of patients coming to these hospitals over the last five years varies. This is commensurate with increase in population over the last five years. The treatment including medicines are provided free of cost to all the indoor patients. OPD treatment is also provided free of cost and the medicines are dispensed free of cost as per hospital formulary. However, there are certain charges levied for some specialized investigations which are also waived off for poor and deserving patients with the approval of the competent authority of the hospital.

#### **Complete ban of tobacco products**

1657. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to completely ban the use of tobacco and tobacco-related products throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;