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## Overall development of healthcare infrastructure

2544. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to an international survey, India's healthcare system fails miserably in almost all parameters in comparison to many developed or developing nations;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the healthcare system in rural areas in the country is pathetic and needs improvement; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to develop the overall healthcare infrastructure in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The public health spending per capita as percentage of GDP is quite low in comparison to many developed and developing nations. However, life expectancy and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) of India is not adverse in comparison to most of countries with similar per capita public health spending as percentage of GDP.

(c) and (d) Access to affordable and quality healthcare in rural areas is poor as compared to urban areas. Public Health is a State subject. Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), financial support is being provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare system including for creating/strengthening of rural health infrastructure based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans.

## Opening of new CGHS hospitals

†2545. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to open new CGHS hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether opening of a new CGHS hospital at Indore in Madhya Pradesh has been approved; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for not opening the hospital there so far, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) CGHS is basically a dispensary oriented Scheme. It has a large network of dispensaries in 25 cities in the country. In addition, it has four small hospitals in operation at Delhi. There is no proposal to open any new hospital under CGHS.

- (c) No.
- (d) In view of (c), question does not arise.

## Diseases due to air pollution

†2546. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether respiratory and other diseases are widely prevalent in the entire country due to air pollution;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.