

4. Mantoux Test
5. X-ray and other imaging techniques
6. Histopathology

(b) None of the above mentioned tests used under RNTCP are reported to lead to drug resistance.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Acute shortage of beds at AIIMS, Delhi

†928. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that patients at AIIMS, Delhi are made to sleep on the stretchers due to acute shortage of beds;

(b) if so, whether Government will take decision to enhance the number of beds in AIIMS; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA) : (a) to (c) No such incidence has been reported in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

Overcoming shortage of medical personnel in ASSAM

929. SHRI PANKAJ BORA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of doctors and medical staff in Assam's health sector;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government with the help of the concerned State Government have taken any steps to overcome the shortage of doctors and medical staff; and

(c) if so, the response thereto?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.