

Interventions under the National Rural Health Mission have enabled strengthening of public health systems aimed at improving the utilization of services and health seeking behavior. It has brought in a workforce close to 9 lakh ASHAs, deployed over 22,336 emergency response service vehicles and operationalized over 1100 Mobile Medical Units in States and UTs. Under Mission Indradhanush 2.01 crore children have been vaccinated of which 52.5 lakh children have been fully immunized. In addition, 53.1 lakh pregnant women were vaccinated against tetanus toxoid.

The Government has also taken steps for strengthening district hospitals and making available tertiary health care services in the public sector through strengthening of hospitals, establishment of AIIMS institutions in the State and up-gradation of existing Government medical colleges across the country.

#### **Eye operations conducted in Delhi**

1775. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of eye operations conducted by Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi, Central Government hospitals and CGHS empanelled private hospitals situated in Delhi during the last one year and how many patients are waiting for operations in these hospitals; and

(b) what is the average waiting time for operations in these hospitals and steps taken to reduce waiting time for conducting operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) The number of eye operations conducted by Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi, Safdarjung Hospital and Vardhman Mahavir Medical College, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital, New Delhi during the last one year are 41238, 6148, 3035 and 1495 respectively. No such data is maintained in respect of CGHS empanelled private hospitals situated in Delhi.

(b) The average waiting time for eye operations varies from institution to institution and depends on the nature of operation. Emergency cases are prioritised.