(iv) Removal of embargo/rider imposed on foreign qualified PG Doctors from five English speaking nations *i.e.* US, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand in case of taking teaching profession. They are now allowed to take up the post of Assistant Professor in respective department.

(v) Assured Career Progression Scheme for faculty of Central Government Institutions has been revised to make it more beneficial.

(vi) Various allowances available to faculty like Non Practicing Allowance, Conveyance Allowance, Learning Resource Allowance, etc. have been enhanced considerably.

(vii) The Central Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for increase of PG seats in Government Medical Colleges.

Statement

Details of Teaching Specialist Sub-Cadre of Central Health Service (CHS)

Sl. No.	Institute	Number of Vacancies 2015	Number of Vacancies 2016	Number of Vacancies 2017 (as on Dec. 2017)
1.	Government of NCT of Delhi	108	122	218
2.	LHMC, New Delhi	73	62	61
3.	S.J. Hospital (including CIO)	49	211	165
4.	AIIH&PH, Kolkata	5	3	4
5.	CIP, Ranchi	32	32	21
6.	AIPMR, Mumbai	4	2	2
7.	RML Hospital, Delhi	72	40	28
8.	Dte.GHS	1	0	-
	TOTAL	343	472	499

Upgradation of district hospitals

420. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Government has any plan to upgrade District Hospitals in the country at par with privately owned Super Speciality Hospitals to make them affordable even for economically poor people; and

(b)   if not, how the economically poor people can avail the benefits of so much of advancement taken place in the field of medical science at district HQs level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Public health and hospitals is a State Subject. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), to strengthen secondary care and make them affordable for all including economically poor people, financial and technical support is already being provided to States for strengthening their healthcare systems including for strengthening districts hospitals for multi-specialty care and as sites for skill based training and teaching, particularly for clinical learning for different levels of health care workers. Guidelines have already been issued under NHM to States which contains a roadmap for identification and strengthening of district hospitals for multi-specialty care and developing it as a training site.

Release of financial assistance to AIIMS in A.P.

421.   SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Government is in receipt of any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding release of financial assistance to the proposed All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) being set up near Mangalagiri in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(b)   whether Government has taken any decision on releasing the necessary financial assistance to the said project for its early completion, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Cabinet has approved setting up of AIIMS at Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh at a cost of ₹ 1618 crore on 07.10.2015.This being a central sector project, funds are released to the executing agency appointed by the Central Government for the project and not to the State Government.

₹ 54.51 crore has been released to the executing agency so far.

Survey on TB prevalency

422.   SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that a recent survey has revealed that 39 per cent of population in the country is suffering from TB, if so, the details thereof;