

Action plan to make all new AIIMS fully functional

†1548. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the action plan proposed to make All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) started in the country fully functional, by providing all the remaining required facilities to all these Institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): Presently six (06) AIIMS *i.e.* Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur, Patna, Raipur and Rishikesh are functional and are operating with substantial capacity. Out of 34 Specialities/Super-specialities earmarked for each of these six AIIMS, almost all are functional. Medical education for 100 MBBS students since 2012 and 60 Nursing students since 2013 are being provided in all six AIIMS.

There has been some delay in completion of infrastructure *i.e.* construction and procurement due to certain contractual issues. The contractual issues have been resolved and construction of the remaining works and procurement of the medical equipments have been expedited and are planned to be completed within 2018-19 with operationalisation of remaining facilities.

The functional AIIMS have also been empowered with greater delegation of powers in construction, procurement and administrative matters to expedite day to day decision making and resolution of contractual matters.

The procedure for procurement of medical equipment has been simplified and made more efficient with greater delegation and empowerment of the Procurement Support Agency (PSA) entrusted with the work of procurement of medical equipments.

Reforms in Public Health Sector

†1549. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken several fresh policy measures during the last three years with a view to bringing reforms in the Public Health Sector and has increased considerably the public spending in the Health Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where requisite reforms have been carried out in the Public Health Sector and the States whose performance has been unsatisfactory in this regard during the last three years; and

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