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		21 Arambagh
		22 Jhargram
		23 Tamluk
8.	Sikkim	24 Gangtok

Long waiting period for patients at AIIMS, Delhi

1826. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of patients visiting Out Patient Department (OPD) in AIIMS, Delhi per day;

(b) whether Government has taken note of the fact that even the patients in critical condition are given appointment for treatment only on a date after six months to one year of their visit; and

(c) if so, the details of remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to address this problem of prolonged waiting period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) The average number of patients visiting Out Patient Department (OPD) in AIIMS, Delhi per day is 9300 approximately.

(b) and (c) Due to increasing patient load and limited number of beds and Operation Theaters, there is a waiting period in many cases especially those which require surgery or complex investigative modulation. However, the patient in critical conditions are given priority and such cases are not delayed beyond the duration minimally required for surgery, investigation and preanaesthetic checkup. To cater to the increasing demand, new facilities/blocks such as Surgical Blocks, National Cancer Institute at Jhajjar, Mother and Child Block, New Private Ward, Burn and Plastic Surgery, Geriatrics Block and New OPD Block have been approved at AIIMS, New Delhi.