

Safdarjung, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) and Associated Hospitals are concerned, the details of the strikes that were called after a clash between the attendants and the doctors during last three years are as under:—

	2016	2017	2018
Safdarjung Hospital	Nil	Nil	Nil
LHMC and Associated Hospitals	01	Nil	Nil
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospitals	02	Nil	Nil

Steps have been taken to ensure the safety of doctors and other medical staff such as installation of CCTV cameras in sensitive locations, increase in security guards and deployment of Quick Response Teams (QRTs).

Funds for Maternal and Child Health

1812. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has reached out to the Finance Ministry for more funds, specifically for maternal and child health, whose RCH (Reproductive Child Health) flexipool budget has come down by 30.4 per cent from RE 2017-18, and allocation for PM Matru Vandana Yojana has also decreased by 8 per cent; and

(b) if so, by how much are the funds likely to increase and by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) Yes, the Department of Health and Family Welfare reaches out to Finance Ministry from time to time for more funds for various core programmes/schemes including RCH (Reproductive Child Health) Flexible Pool under NHM.

The RE for 2017-18 and BE (2018-19), RE (2018-19) and BE (2019-20) under RCH Flexible Pool is as under:—

Financial Year	BE (₹ in crore)	RE (₹ in crore)
2017-18	4566.60	7545.07
2018-19	5253.51	5728.51
2019-20	5703.52	-

During the F.Y. 2017-18, additional support of ₹ 2168 crore was provided under External Aided Component (EAC) for book adjustment of kind grant support received

from External Aid Agencies under RCH Flexible Pool and this support was fiscal neutral. The additionality was for book adjustments of kind grants. Similarly, during the F.Y. 2018-19, additionality of ₹ 475 crore was provided in the RE for pending cost adjustments and fiscal neutral.

Further, if the BE of 2017-18 is compared with the BE of 2018-19, there is an increase in budget under RCH Flexible Pool by 15% and on comparing the BE of F.Y. 2019-20 with the BE of 2018-19 there is an increase of 8.6%.

It is further mentioned that investments under the pool of Health System Strengthening under NHM also contribute to RCH Programme directly and indirectly. Various maternal and child health interventions heavily depend on robust health system which includes manpower, infrastructure, free diagnostic and free drug, emergency ambulance system and computerized Health Management Information System including RCH Portal and quality assurance system.

The budget allocation under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) has in fact increased from ₹ 2400 crore in 2018-19 to ₹ 2500 crore in 2019-20.

Poor performance in curbing TB

1813. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's tuberculosis incidence has dropped by a mere 1.7 per cent annually since 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the reasons for India's poor performance in curbing tuberculosis is the shifting of healthcare to private hands; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) No. India's TB Incidence has declined by 2.8% in 2016 and 3.3% in 2017 according to WHO Global TB reports.

(b) and (c) No, there is no indication or sign of shifting of healthcare to private hands. There is significant proportion of the TB cases seeking care in the public sector.

In last three years, there is gradual increase in notifications in public sector. Government has notified 1424771, 1444175 and 1613504 TB patients in public sector in the year 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively.

The focus on strengthening public sector under the programme is an ongoing effort. However, a significant number of TB patients seeks care in private sector