

Survey on functioning of Government hospitals

2613. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out the present status and working of all the Government Hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Post Graduate Institutes of Medical Education and Research (PGIMERs), Delhi and Chandigarh and Central Government controlled hospitals/associated hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to improve the functioning of these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) Government of India has not conducted any specific survey to assess the functioning of Government hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Post Graduate Institutes of Medical Education and Research (PGIMERs), Delhi and Chandigarh in the country. However, assessment of the functioning of hospitals is an ongoing process and supervising officials regularly monitor the functioning of these hospitals.

Since "Health" is a State subject, it is responsibility of State Government to make efforts to provide adequate health care facilities to the people by improving its functioning. Central Government supplements the efforts of State Government by way of providing assistance to the State Government through schemes/programmes such as National Health Mission(NHM) and Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) etc.

Further, under NHM, the performance of various health programmes is being regularly assessed, *inter-alia*, through regular review meetings, video conferences and field visits of senior officials, promoting performance by setting up benchmarks for service delivery and rewarding achievements etc. Similarly, Common Review Missions (CRMs) are undertaken to review performance of implementations of NHM Schemes in the States, annually.

At health facility level, Rogi Kalyan, Samitis (RKSS) are envisaged to act as forum to improve the functioning and service provisioning, increase participation and enhance accountability, for provision of better facilities to the patients at the level of Primary Health Centres and above.

As far as three Central Government Hospitals located in Delhi *i.e.* Safdarjung Hospital, PGIMER and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals are concerned. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has approved redevelopment plan in the phased manner for improving facilities in all these hospitals. Moreover, for smooth functioning of these hospitals, monitoring is done at various levels. Regular rounds and meetings are taken by the concerned Medical Superintendents/Directors and designated authorities for smooth functioning of the hospitals.

Wellness centres for fishermen

2614. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to set up any national wellness centres for fishermen particularly in Andhra Pradesh with free medical facility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to provide emergency medical facility in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated for this initiative and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) As per the budget announcement 2017-18, 1.5 lakh Health Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres are to be transformed into Health and Wellness Centres across the country by December, 2022 under Ayushman Bharat (AB-HWCs) for provision of comprehensive primary care that includes preventive healthcare and health promotion at the community level with continuum of care approach for all population including Fishermen.

The AB-HWCs will provide an expanded range of services to include care for non-communicable diseases, palliative and rehabilitative care, Oral, Eye and ENT care, mental health and first level care for emergencies and trauma as well as Health promotion and wellness activities like Yoga apart from services already being provided for Maternal and Child Health including immunization and communicable diseases.

Services at AB-HWCs are free and universal to all individuals residing in the service area. So far, approvals for 52,744 Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been accorded. Out of those, as reported by the States/UTs, 19,607 AB-HWCs are operationalized till 12th July, 2019.