

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.

(c) and (d) “Public Health and Hospitals” being a State subject, the primary responsibility of provision of healthcare including emergency medical facilities lies with State Governments including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

However, under National Health Mission (NHM), support is being provided to all States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare system including emergency healthcare on the basis of proposals received from them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). The details of the approvals accorded in the form of Record of Proceedings (RoPs) for the FY 2007-08 to 2019-20 is available in public domain at <http://nhm.gov.in/index4.php?lang=1&level=0&linkid=52&lid=65>.

#### **Hospital infrastructure to combat AES outbreak**

†2615. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children in large numbers succumb to death due to fever in summer season in some districts of Bihar and some districts of Eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider setting up of research institutes or special hospitals for its diagnosis so that its causes could be ascertained and proper arrangements for its treatment are put in place; and

(c) the plan of Government to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) No deaths have been reported during the year 2019 due to Chikungunia, Dengue (till June), Lymphatic Filariasis, Kala-Azar (till June), and Malaria (till May) from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The number of deaths reported due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the year 2019 are as under:—

Uttar Pradesh*	21
Bihar <sup>#</sup>	184

\*Till 07.07.2019

<sup>#</sup>Till 13.07.2019

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.