

12-hours OPDs in Safdarjung hospital

398. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to run out-patient departments at the Centrerrun Safdarjung Hospital for 12 hours a day as a pilot project for providing medical services to the patients round the clock;

(b) at present, whether OPDs in most Government hospitals, including in Safdarjung, run for five hours a day, from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.;

(c) whether the same 12 hours a day OPDs will be replicated at other Central Government hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) No. However, a proposal to run evening OPD at Safdarjung Hospital is under consideration at Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The said evening OPD is proposed to start in following departments of Safdarjung Hospital:-

- (i) Medicine
- (ii) Paediatrics
- (iii) Gynaecology
- (iv) Surgery

(b) In so far as Central Government Hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical college and Associated hospitals in Delhi are concerned, OPD timing in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated hospitals is from 8 A.M to 1 P.M or till the registered patients of the day are present.

However, in Safdarjung Hospital, OPD run from 9 A.M to 1 P.M. Special afternoon clinics are run from 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM from Monday to Friday.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal.