

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the direction of establishment of second AIIMS in Bihar; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating on a plan of upgrading the Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) to AIIMS as DMCH has overall eligibility required to be upgraded to an institution like AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) State Government had conveyed "in principle" approval to establish and develop Darbhanga Medical College & Hospital, Laheriasarai, Darbhanga (DMCH) into second AIIMS like institution in the State.

The proposal to develop DMCH into second AIIMS is not acceptable to this Ministry as new AIIMS are taken up only as greenfield projects, further the, Central team of this Ministry, in its report, had found the site at DMCH, Darbhanga, offered by the Government of Bihar, not suitable for setting up of AIIMS.

Accordingly, State Government was requested to identify suitable encumbrance free site(s) at Darbhanga, or elsewhere in the State, at an early date so that this Ministry could take further action for establishment of second AIIMS in the State.

State Government is yet to offer a suitable encumbrance free site(s) for second new AIIMS in Bihar.

Building public health infrastructure

1708. SHRI K.T.S TULSI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aims to build and develop public health infrastructure by providing Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) aims to provide health cover of up to ₹5 lakh per family per annum to the poor and vulnerable section of population

by empanelling both public and private hospitals. As on 25.11.2019 the total number of hospitals empaneled under AB-PMJAY is 19,668.

The funds released to public hospitals for treatment of AB-PMJAY beneficiaries can be used by these hospitals for development of infrastructure as per the guidelines applicable to them.

Swasthya Suraksha Yojana in Telangana

1709. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of Swasthya Suraksha Yojana has been taken up in the State of Telangana, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is releasing about' 150 crores for the projects under this scheme for implementation, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas identified to be implemented in the State of Telangana and the details thereof; and

(d) when these projects are being taken up and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes. Government of India has taken up following projects under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) in the State of Telangana:

1. Upgradation of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad.
2. Upgradation of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Adilabad.
3. Upgradation of Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal.
4. Setting up of new AIIMS at Bibinagar.

(b) to (d) Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Adilabad and Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal have been taken up for upgradation in the State of Telangana under Phase-III of PMSSY, at an approved cost of ₹ 150 crore each (Central share - ₹ 120 crore and State share - ₹ 30 crore). Details of these projects are as follows: