

(b) whether it is a fact that an increase in the number of deaths of patients has been reported due to non-availability of sufficient number of beds and ventilators in the hospitals; and

(c) the details of availability of beds and ventilators for Covid-19 patients in the Government hospitals of the country and increase in their numbers from March, 2020 to till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Sufficient number of beds and ventilators for Corona patients were available after 24th March, 2020 in AIIMS and Central Government run hospitals of the country.

(b) No.

(c) The details of availability of beds and ventilators for Covid-19 patients in the 13 Covid dedicated hospitals of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the country and increase in their numbers from March, 2020 to till date is given below:-

Month & Year	No. of Beds	Ventilators
March, 2020	1707	292
September, 2020	7403	906

#### **Covid-19 certificate for entering hospitals**

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

(a) whether such news are in the cognizance of Government that patients have been asked for bringing Covid-19 test report before entering the Government hospitals;

(b) if so, whether it would be fair to force poor people to bring this test report, which involves an expenditure of ₹2400/-; and

(c) whether Government could make such a system on the gates of hospitals by which all the patients could be tested before entering the hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) Health is a State Subject.

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Government of India has issued advisory to the States not to insist on Covid test for undergoing emergency procedures. This advisory is applicable for both government and private hospitals.

The Covid tests are provided free of cost in hospitals under the Central Government. "The Government is implementing Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to provide health cover of ₹ 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families (approx. 50 crore Individuals) as per Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) data. To effectively cover AB-PMJAY beneficiaries for testing and treatment of COVID-19, packages for 'Testing for COVID-19' and 'Treatment of COVID-19' have been notified."

#### **Medical aids to States to fight pandemic**

†291. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of medical help sought by the State Governments in terms of Medicines, Ventilators etc. to fight Corona virus;
- (b) details of medical help provided/to be provided in terms of Medicines, Ventilators to the States as per their demand, State-wise; and
- (c) whether medical facilities like Medicines and Ventilators etc. are currently available with the State of sufficient quantity, if not, the plan chalked out for the supply of same and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) In the initial part of the pandemic there was global shortage and world-wide demand for ventilators, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), N95 masks and medicines.

Empowered Groups were set up the Government to build indigenous capacity for ventilators, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), N95 masks and medicines.

Demands received from States were analysed based on the need and requirement and allocations were made to States and Union Territories.

Details of Medical help provided / to be provided in terms of Medicines, Ventilators, to the states as per their demand, State wise is given in the Statement (*See* below).

Ventilators, PPE, N 95 Masks, the recommended drug (Hydroxychloroquine) etc. are currently available with the state in sufficient quantity.

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