

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 953
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

WAITING PERIOD AT AIIMS

953. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that patients have to wait for at least one year for treatment in AIIMS especially for skin and kidney diseases, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether this prolonged waiting time is also applicable to OPD consultation in AIIMS in addition to surgical procedures; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that people do not have to wait for long period for the treatment of various serious diseases?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): The number of patients coming to AIIMS, New Delhi for treatment/surgery is more than the beds available in the Institute. However, the waiting list of patients needing admission are prepared according to patients' condition, urgency of treatment and bed availability on the particular day. In skin department, the appointments are given through, patient Reception Centre (PRC) as walk in for consultation on the same day. Few patients are also given advance appointment upto a month. In Kidney disease, there is almost no waiting for acute patients. They are admitted within 1-2 days. For non-critical patients, the waiting period for admission is few days. For OPD, there is waiting of few weeks. For kidney transplant, the patient waiting is 8-9 months from the date of registration. For cadaver kidney transplant, waiting can't be predicted.

(c): To cater to the increasing demand, new facilities/blocks such as Surgical Blocks, National Cancer Institute, Jhajjar, Mother & Child Block, New Private Ward, Burn & Plastic Surgery, Geriatrics Block & New OPD Block had been approved at AIIMS, New Delhi.
