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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE PUNJAB

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT :

Keeping in view the importance of healthcare, the Government appointed a committee of eminent experts namely, Prof. J.S. Bajaj, Prof. P.K. Dave of AIIMS and Prof. K.K. Talwar, Director PGI.

The Committee identified certain gaps and recommended upgradation in terms of civil works, manpower and equipment. As per its recommendations, the Government embarked on a Core Plan of Rs. 346 crores for infrastructure development as per norms in all tiers of health institutions as follows :

- 1 New District Hospital at Nawanshahar, upgradation of 2 District Hospitals at Muktsar and Tarn Taran.
- 5 New Sub Divisional Hospitals at Khadoor Sahib, Bholath, Moonak, Tappa, Gudha, upgradation of Sub Divisional Hospitals at Dera Bassi, Budhlada and Baba Bakala.
- Construction of 32 new Community Health Centres.
- 445 PHCs to be upgraded to 2800 Sq. ft. area as per norms.
- Repair of all remaining health institutions and providing equipment.

The Government of India, in its 4th report of the Common Review Mission published in Jan. 2011 rated Health Infrastructure in Punjab as excellent and stated that Punjab would be the 1st state in the country to close the gap by 2011.

AMBULANCE SERVICES :

An agreement signed to provide 240 ambulances for Emergency Response Services which can be accessed by dialling 3 digit number '108'.

90 ambulances will be operational by 31st March 2011 and the remaining in phases by August 2011.

RECRUITMENTS

Buildings alone are of little use, it is doctors who make all the difference. Therefore my priority has always been to provide adequate manpower.

- No recruitment of doctors during the last five years ie 2002-2007. The only recruitment of doctors that happened was in 1998 when my Government recruited as many as 900 in one single year. During the last two years, 804 doctors and specialists have already been appointed. 211 Ayurvedic and 112 Homeopathic doctors and 323 Up-Vaids have also been appointed. 525 more doctors will be appointed by August 2011 for filling up all vacant posts and manning new health institutions.
- During 2002-2007 only 452 Staff Nurses and 259 other Para-Medics were recruited. Against this, we have already recruited 1455 staff nurses, 1600 ANMs and 857 other categories of employees during the last 4 years. 967 more paramedics will be appointed by August 2011.

OTHER INTITATIVES

- 236 Primary Health Centres have been strengthened for 24x7 delivery services by providing 1 female Medical Officer & 3 Staff Nurses.
- 114 Community Health Centres were upgraded to First Referral Unit by providing 1 Gynaecologist, 1 Paediatrician & 5 Staff Nurses.
- Under School Health programme free treatment to school children for heart diseases, cancer, thalassaemia is being provided. Over 1000 children treated at a cost of Rs. 9 crore. Annual health check-up of 30 lakh school children in all 19667 Government and Aided Schools.
- 24 Mobile Medical Units operationalised in the State. 8 Mobile Medical Vans deployed by Ranbaxy in district Mansa, Bathinda and Muktsar.
- 3 Trauma Centres at cost of Rs. 12 crore set up in Civil Hospital Pathankot, Amrtisar and Jalandhar. One under construction at Khanna.

- A nursing school which was closed down by the previous Government has now been revived in the Civil Hospital Jalandhar.
- One 20 bedded Drug De-Addiction Centre at Talwandi Sabo operationalised. De-addiction Centres are already working in 7 District Hospitals and the remaining 13 districts are being covered in the current year.
- Under Public Private Partnership two 200 bedded Super Speciality Cancer Hospitals are being constructed by MAX Health Care at a cost of Rs. 200 Crore. The Hospitals will become operational by June 2011.
- Plan expenditure of **Rs. 414.72 crore** was incurred during the five years of 2002-2007 whereas **Rs. 1010.44 crore** has already been spent during the first four years of this SAD BJP Government.