

65 posts of professors vacant in medical colleges

An amount of Tk 2,44,33,60,000 has been allocated for hospitals in the country during the current financial year, report agencies.

The amount registered an increase of more than Tk 14,47,21,000 over that of the previous year.

Deputy Health Minister Serajul Haq said this in Parliament yesterday replying to Sardar Shakawat Hossain Bakul of BNP.

He claimed that the standard of service in hospitals has been improved, with the increase in number of beds.

Replying to a supplementary question from Rashed Mosharraf of Awami League and Nizamuddin Khan of BNP he said despite the higher allocation in hospitals, only Tk 18 is being spent per day for each patient.

The Minister said the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) has the capacity to admit 1100 to 1300 patients. There are 46 cabins, 81 seats at the DMCH, he added.

He said on an average 141 patients get admitted to the DMCH everyday.

The number of registered

medicine companies in the country is 197 which manufactures 139 kind old medicines. Haq told Prof Rafiqul Islam of Awami League.

The government will set up five medical colleges at Dinajpur, Bogra, Khulna, Faridpur and Comilla. Minister for Health and Family Welfare Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

He was replying to a question from Mirza Golam Azam (AL-Jamalpur).

Replying to a question from Mohammad Abdul Awal Mia (AL-Khustia), the minister said 25 post of professors and 40 posts of associate professors were now vacant in the country's medical colleges.

He further said steps would be taken to fill up these vacant posts.

The minister said, the government was considering to increase the number of cabins and seats in the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Replying to a question from Dr AKM Asjad (Jamaat-Rajbari) the Health Minister said about 1,150 doctors pass annually from the government

medical colleges.

To a question from Abul Hasan Chowdhury (AL-Tangail), the minister said the government had taken special programmes of appointing 250 medical officers at union level and 1,000 more family welfare invigilators and setting up one family welfare centre and 8 satellite clinic in each union to strengthen the family planning programmes.

Replying to a question from Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim (AL-Gopalganj), he said there were 11 multinational pharmaceutical companies in the country.

These are: Pfizer Laboratories, Fisons (BD) Ltd, Glaxo (BD) Ltd, Squibb of Bangladesh Ltd, Organon Bangladesh Ltd, ICI (BD) Manufactures Ltd, Hoechst Pharmaceuticals Co. Ltd, Ciba-Geigy (BD) Ltd, Phone-Poulence (BD) Ltd, Rekit and Colman and Bangladesh Oxygen Ltd.

The minister said the drug administration had given approval to these 11 companies for importing pharmaceutical raw materials worth Taka 57,46,99,667 in 1990-91.

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