GoI released ₹ 1.30 crore for construction of the building in the premises of district hospitals at Etawah (₹ 65 lakh in January 2009) and Fatehpur (₹ 65 lakh in December 2008). The construction works were assigned to Uttar Pradesh Project Corporation Limited (UPPCL) for completion by May 2010 in Etawah and September 2010 in Fatehpur.

Scrutiny of the records of the office of the Chief Medical Superintendents (CMSs), District Hospitals (Male) at Etawah and Fatehpur revealed (Etawah: January 2014 and Fatehpur: December 2013) that ₹ 1.30 crore was made available[80] by CMSs to UPPCL for construction of building and other works. In Etawah, UPPCL commenced (November 2009) the work and completed it in July 2010. CMS, Etawah took possession of the completed building in October 2010. In March 2011, GoI made available the ambulance to CMS and after more than three years, released (October 2013) ₹ 2.45 crore for equipment *etc.* which was lying unspent (November 2014) in a saving bank account[81].

In Fatehpur, UPPCL commenced the work in January 2010, as the required land was not made available immediately. Consequently, the estimate of the building was revised (November 2011) by the Government to ₹ 1.01 crore. As of June 2014, the building construction works were lying incomplete after spending ₹ 65 lakh, as the difference amount (₹ 36 lakh) of the original and the revised estimates was not released by GoI due to the revision of the estimate without its required permission. In December 2012, GoI made available the ambulance to CMS and after one year, released (December 2013) ₹ 2.45 crore for equipment *etc.* which was lying unspent (November 2014) in a saving bank account[82].

Thus, unfruitful expenditure ₹ 1.30 crore was incurred on Trauma Centres at Etawah and Fatehpur as these centres were not established even after about four years. Besides, ₹ 4.90 crore remained parked (as of November 2014) in saving bank accounts for about one year.

During discussion (November 2014), the Government, while admitting the facts & figures and the audit observation, stated that the difference amount (₹ 36 lakh) has been sanctioned (August 2014). Fact remains that the Trauma Centres were not established even after about four years of scheduled date of completion.

3.4.3 Unfruitful expenditure

Due to lackadaisical approach of the Government, 100-bed hospital did not come up (November 2014) even after seven years of sanction, rendering ₹ 13.77 crore spent on its construction unfruitful.

In follow up to the Chief Minister's declaration (July 2006), the Government sanctioned (November 2006) ₹ 12.41 crore (revised)[83] for construction of 100 bed hospital in Sirauli Gousspur, Barabanki, comprising the main building, to

[80] Etawah (November 2009: ₹ 35 lakh and January 2010: ₹ 30 lakh) and Fatehpur (January 2010: ₹ 65 lakh).
[81] Account no. 27240100025515, Bank of Baroda in favour of CMS, Etawah.
[82] Account no. 05660100028671, Bank of Baroda in favour of CMS Fatehpur.
[83] Original estimate: ₹ 11.30 crore.

be constructed in the premises of the existing Community Health Centre (CHC), and residences for medical staff and a hostel for nurses on a piece of land to be made available by the Government. The construction works were assigned (October 2006) to UP *Rajkiya Nirman Nigam* (UPRNN) for completion in two phases[84].

Scrutiny of the records in the office of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Barabanki revealed (December 2013) that the Government released (2006-12) ₹ 11.80 crore[85] to UPRNN. UPRNN commenced the construction work of the main building in the premises of CHC in December 2006. In November 2009, when the construction works were in progress, the Director General, Medical and Health Services sent a proposal to the Government for purchase of equipment (cost: ₹ 2.28 crore) for the proposed hospital. In February 2010, the Government approved the proposal and sanctioned ₹ 2.08 crore[86]. CMO, Barabanki, placed (March 2010) the supply orders to the suppliers[87] for supply of various equipment. The equipment were supplied (March 2010) and ₹ 2.08 crore was paid (April 2010). In September 2010, UPRNN completed the construction work of the main building at ₹ 9.02 crore and CMO took over (March 2011) the possession. After five years of the sanction of 100-bed hospital, the Government made (March 2011) land available to UPRNN for construction of the residences for medical staff and a hostel for nurses. The land was not only two kilometer away from the main building but also inaccessible. UPRNN commenced the construction work of the residences for medical staff and a hostel for nurses in May 2011 and completed it in September 2013 at ₹ 2.67 crore. However, the 100-bed hospital was non-functional due to non-posting of medical and para medical staff and the equipment were lying dumped in stores even after four years of their purchases, as noticed in joint physical verification.

Thus, due to lackadaisical approach of the Government, the 100-bed hospital did not come up even after seven years (as of November 2014), rendering ₹ 13.77 crore spent on its construction unfruitful. Besides, the condition of the equipment, purchased four years ago, was likely to deteriorate.

Medical equipment in dumped condition
Date: 28.12.13

During discussion in November 2014, the Government admitted the facts & figures and audit observation.

84 First phase: main building and second phase: residences for medical staff and a hostel for nurses.

85 November 2006: ₹ 2.50 crore, September 2007: ₹ three crore, March 2008: ₹ 5.79 crore, March 2012: ₹ 20 lakh and November 2012: ₹ 29.93 lakh.

86 Out of the proposal of ₹ 2.28 crore, the Government sanctioned ₹ 2.08 crore for CMO, Barabanki.

87 Consort Laboratories, Lucknow; U.P. Industrial Co-operative Association Limited, Kanpur; Adhunik system, Kanpur; Raja Surgical, Lucknow; Sigma, Kanpur; Vinayak, Bareilly; Puri Surgical, Lucknow; Amit Enterprises, Lucknow; Oriental, Bareilly; and Pooja, Barabanki. As per available sale invoice numbers of equipment were:1502.