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Ans. Positive aspects of healthcare in India are:

- i. India has the largest number of medical colleges in the world and is among the largest producers of doctors.
- ii. Healthcare facilities have grown substantially over the years. In 1991, there were 11,174 hospitals. In 2000, the number grew to 18,218.
- iii. India gets a large number of medical tourists from many countries. They come for treatment in some of the hospitals in India that compare with the best in the world.
- iv. India is the fourth largest producer of medicines in the world and is also a large exporter of medicines.

Q2. What are the negative aspects of healthcare in India?

Ans. Negative aspects of healthcare in India are:

- i. Most doctors settle in urban areas. People in rural areas have to travel long distances to reach a doctor. The number of doctors with respect to the population is much less in rural areas.
- ii. About five lakh people die from tuberculosis every year. This number is almost unchanged since Independence!
- iii. Almost two million cases of malaria are reported every year and this number isn't decreasing.
- iv. Clean drinking water is not available to all.
- v. Half of all children in India do not get adequate food to eat and are undernourished.