

[English]

Vacancies in AIIMS

2991. DR. LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some temporary posts of Professor/Additional Professor/Associate Professor were advertised by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences recently;

(b) if so, the number of vacancies advertised for each of the above posts separately together with the number reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(c) whether the number of posts in reserved categories is in accordance with the reservation norms; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The number of vacancies advertised for each category of posts and reservation made for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by the AIIMS is as under:

S.No.	Category of Posts	No. of posts advertised	Reservation SC	Made for ST
1.	Professors	27	Nil	Nil
2.	Additional Professor	14	Nil	Nil
3.	Associate Professor	17	Nil	Nil

(c) and (d) It has been reported by AIIMS that reservation for faculty posts is at present being made at the entry level i.e. the level of Assistant Professor only.

to provide medicines and other facilities for treatment free of cost to the above mentioned patients; and

Cancer Patients

2992. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cancer patients is on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large percentage of the cancer patients belong to the weaker sections of the society;

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b). Reliable data regarding number of Cancer patients in the country is not available. However, it is estimated that there are about 1.5 to 2 million cancer patients in India and about half a million new cases occur annually.

(c) to (e) There is no statistical evidence to show that a large percentage of cancer patients belong to the weaker sections of the society. However, in Government hospitals, treatment is provided to cancer patients ei-