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MILITARY HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of military hospitals in the country;
- (b) the minimum number of doctors required to man these hospitals along with the present number of doctors in these hospitals;
- (c) the number of doctors trained each year by the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune (AFMC);
- (d) the number of doctors who leave the defence services each year;
- (e) the extent to which medical services have been affected as a result thereof;
- (f) whether the Government propose to give more incentives to attract doctors to the defence services and also to increase the capacity of the AFMC so that more number of doctors could be trained there; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) 127 hospitals.

(b) Total authorization - 5382
Total posted - 5242

(c) Graduate doctors - 130
Post Graduate doctors - 85

(d) On an average, 216 Armed Forces Medical Services Doctors leave the Service every year on account of retirement on superannuation, premature retirement/resignation etc. This includes, on an average, 87 officers leaving the service prematurely.

(e) Keeping in view the annual intake through AFMC, Pune and from the open market, the Armed Forces Medical Services is not substantially affected.

(f) No fresh incentives are under considerations and also there is no proposal to increase the intake at AFMC, Pune, at present.

(g) In view (e) & (f) above, question does not arise.