

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:301
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2000
QUALIFIED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether quacks have outnumbered qualified medical practitioners in the country;
- (b) if so, the estimated number of quacks and qualified doctors working in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and other States and Union Territories, State-wise including the NCT at present;
- (c) whether the Medical Council of India and State Medical Councils have recommended to the Government that quackery be declared a cognizable offence; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government and different State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) & (b): No such survey has been conducted about the number of quacks in the country. The total number of registered medical practitioners in all systems of medicine, State-wise, is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

(c) & (d) Government have initiated steps to formulate a legislative proposal for prohibition of unauthorised institution awarding degrees and practice by unqualified persons in modern medicine, Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy. It is proposed to make quackery a cognizable offence.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)&(b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 301 FOR 14.8.2000

STATEWISE NUMBER OF REGISTERED ISM &H AND ALLOPATHIC PRACTITIONERS AS ON 1.1.1999

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ISM&H ALLOPATHY

1	Andhra Pr.	14504	4581	-	321	8180	27586	41429
2	Arunachal Pr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Assam	250	NA	-	-	464	714	13293
4	Bihar	75711	3250	-	-	25669	104630	30720
5	Delhi	5952	2112	-	-	2586	10650	18567
6	Goa	-	-	-	-	-	-	1559
7	Gujarat	16223	234	-	-	3930	20387	29483
8	Haryana	18553	1656	-	-	5474	25683	925
9	Himachal Pr.	6757	454	-	-	1076	8287	-
10	Jammu & K	343	162	-	-	-	505	5798
11	Karnataka	10555	679	1	67	5871	17173	50077
12	Kerala	12943	54	1341	-	7580	21918	23622
13	Madhya Pr.	47130	427	-	2	6794	54353	16382
14	Maharashtra	46519	2298	-	-	27911	76728	66477
15	Manipur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Meghalaya	-	-	-	-	229	, 229	-
17	Mizoram	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Nagaland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Orissa	3653	15	-	-	4733	8401	13057
20	Punjab	19924	5610	-	-	7021	32555	29170
21	Rajasthan	26056	1432	-	-	3950	31438	18504
22	Sikkim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Tamil Nadu	3335	894	11569	12	15947	31757	59305
24	Tripura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Uttar Pradesh	55921	11963	-	-	24711	92595	38628
26	West Bengal	2483	4927	-	-	36107	43517	46941

27 A & N Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28 Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	294	294	-
28 D & N Haveli	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 Daman & Diu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31 Lakshadweep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32 Pondicherry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL 366812 40748 12911 402 188527 609400 503947

NOTE : - = Nil information.
N.A. = Not Available

FIGURES ARE PROVISIONAL.