

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

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IMPROVED PACKAGE FOR DOCTORS

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

- (a) the ratio of psychiatrists to the total population in the country at present ;
- (b) the number of psychiatrists available in the medical institutes of the country , institution -wise;
- (c) the number of doctors who left various Government institutes during the last three years and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has set up a committee for the purpose of providing an improved package for doctors in order to prevent them from leaving various Government Institutes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government is also contemplating to increase retirement age of doctors in Government service ;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): There are more than 3000 qualified psychiatrists, 500 clinical psychologists, 300 psychiatric social workers and about 600 trained psychiatric nurses in the country. The per-capita practicing psychiatrists works out to 1 psychiatrist per 4,50,000 population, approximately, as assessed during the mental health resources survey carried out in May, 2002.

(b) & (c): The data relating to the number of psychiatrists available in the medical institutes of the country and the number of doctors who left various government institutes are not centrally maintained. However, 11 psychiatrists of Central Government institutes resigned during last three years, owing to the demand of such specialists in foreign countries, owing to improvement in one's prospects, professional, academic and financial considerations.

(d) to (h): The pay and allowances including Non Practicing Allowance of Central health Services officers have been increased significantly as per the recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission. The retirement age of Government doctors was raised from 58 years to 60 years in 1998.