

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

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

- (a) whether the shortage of pharmacists in CGHS Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic dispensaries /units in the Capital persists and a few dispensaries /units are functioning even without pharmacists ;
- (b) if so, the fact and details thereof including sanctioned strength of pharmacists and actual position, dispensary/unit -wise ;
- (c) whether the pharmacist are able to cope up with the rush of beneficiaries where Pharmacists are inadequate ;
- (d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the difficulties being faced by the beneficiaries ; and
- (e) the steps taken to fill up the vacancies?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): The vacancy position of Pharmacist in Ayurvedic/ Homoeopathic dispensaries/Units under CGHS Delhi is as under:-

Pharmacist	Sanctioned	Vacant
Ayurvedic	34	3
Homoeopathic	21	5

No Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic dispensary/Unit under CGHS Delhi is functioning without a Pharmacist and the available Pharmacists are able to serve the beneficiaries.

(e): The Staff Inspection Unit report on the CGHS Ayush dispensaries/Units has been received by the Government and has been referred to the Department of AYUSH for their comments on the recommendations contained in the report. The vacant posts of Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Pharmacists can be filled up only after the recommendations contained in the SIU report are implemented by the CGHS.