

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:19

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MIGRATION OF DOCTORS/NURSES

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to check the migration of doctors and nurses from the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of doctors who migrated from the country during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to check the migration of doctors and nurses from the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 19 FOR 1ST DECEMBER, 2004

As per information available with the Government, a total of 6,04,489 Allopathic doctors were registered with the Medical Council of India till March, 2003. Besides, there are around six lakhs Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathic doctors registered with their respective Councils. The norm for availability of doctors to the population in the country has been recommended to be as 1:2000 by the Bhore Committee. As per information with the Medical Council of India, the availability of Allopathic doctors is at present in the ratio of 1:1800. If the practitioners of Indian Systems of medicine and Homoeopathy are also taken into account, the ratio of availability of doctors to the population improves further. Though there is no shortage in the aggregate number of doctors produced, there is a geographical and speciality-wise imbalance in the availability of doctors.

Presently there are 229 medical colleges in the country with an annual admission capacity of 25,682 MBBS students.

Presently there are about 745 Diploma Nursing Schools and 254 BSc.(N) colleges functioning in the country. As per information available with the Government, about 40,000 nurses qualify every year.

As regards the number of doctors and nurses who migrated from the country during the last three years, no such data is maintained centrally.

There is currently no proposal to check migration of doctors and nurses to foreign countries.