

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF NEURO SURGEONS

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

- (a) whether only 1200 neuro surgeons are available in the country as against the requirement of 30,000 neuro surgeons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Union Government to increase the number of neuro surgeons in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) According to National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, Bangalore, there are approximately 1000 neuro surgeons in the country. However, as of now annual intake in M.Ch (Neuro surgery) course is 62 in different Medical Colleges.

The State/UT Governments have been issuing Essentiality Certificates to Medical Colleges/institutions for starting different postgraduate/superspecialty courses based on the need and availability of adequate training & infrastructural facilities etc. The Central Government is granting permission to Medical Colleges/institutions to start super-specialty courses on the recommendations of MCI.