

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

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of trained pharmacists/ chemists in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) At present there are approximately 6.5 lakhs pharmacists are registered with Pharmacy Council of India and approximately 52000 pharmacists per annum are being produced by the pharmacy institutions within the country. Records of chemists are not maintained centrally and are maintained by the respective State Licensing Authorities.