

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

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SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN HEALTHCARE SECTOR

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

(a) whether according to a Planning Commission report, there is an acute shortage of doctors, nurses and dental surgeons as reported in the `Times of India` dated April 03, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the doctor-patient ratio in the country is very low as compared to that of the developed countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH A FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADASS)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.