

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

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether shortage of specialist doctors in various disciplines is being felt in the Central Government hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet this shortage?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): In so far as Central Government Hospitals located in Delhi viz., Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge & its associated hospitals are concerned, there is no major shortage of doctors. However, there are certain vacancies which arise from time to time and are filled up on priority basis. Requisitions have also been sent to the UPSC to fill up the newly created posts in the above hospitals. These hospitals have also been permitted to fill up the vacant posts on contract basis till such time the posts are filled through UPSC on a regular basis so that the medical services and teaching activities are not affected in these hospitals.