

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

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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS,NURSES AND DENTISTS

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

- (a) the total number of registered doctors, nurses, dentists and para-medical professionals in the country and the number out of them registered during the last year, gender-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (b) the number of them working in Government and private hospitals and in their own clinics;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made about the requirement and availability of the medical and para-medical professionals every year in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of vacant posts of doctors in the primary and community health centres/sub- centres; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the shortage particularly of the female doctors in the country and the time framework set therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIS. GANDHISELVAN)

- (a) & (b): As per information available, the number of registered personnel are 7.48 lakh doctors, 10,43,617 nurses and 93,495 dentists approximately in the country. Data in respect of para-medical professionals and other aspects is not centrally maintained.
- (c): No.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): To increase the number of doctors in the country, Medical Council of India Regulations have been revised to facilitate setting up of more medical colleges.