

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

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AVAILABILITY OF SPECIALISED DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned plan for creating 500 specialised doctors every year;
- (b) if so, whether the country requires 6 lakh doctors, 10 lakh nurses and 2 lakh surgeons in addition to their existing strength;
- (c) if so, the steps taken in this direction;
- (d) whether the Government has produced specialised medical persons in pre and para-clinical disciplines like anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, biochemistry, forensic and community medicines; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) to (e) There is imbalance in availability of doctors, nurses and para-medical professionals in the rural and urban areas of the country. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, in consultation with Medical Council of India has taken various steps to increase the number of medical practitioners and correct the imbalance viz., relaxed requirements of land for medical college or medical institution, reduced teacher – student ratio, relaxed bed strength of teaching hospitals in NE States and Hill States etc., for opening of more medical colleges. Schemes have also been initiated for providing financial assistance to strengthen and upgrade State medical colleges and teaching institutions for nurses and paramedical personnel. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the establishment of 269 ANM/GNM schools for Nursing and one National Institute of Paramedical Sciences (NIPS) and 8 Regional Institute of Paramedical Sciences (RIPS) in addition to developing the existing Regional Institute of Paramedical & Nursing Sciences (RIPANS), Aizwal as the 9th RIPS and a scheme to support State Government Medical Colleges for conducting paramedical courses.