

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:394
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2010
HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS.
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether absenteeism of doctors from the Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Sub-Centres is affecting the proper and timely delivery of health care services in the country including implementation of the centrally sponsored programmes;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard alongwith the reaction of the Union Government thereto;and

(c) the remedial measures taken to ensure availability of doctors and other para-medical staff in the aforesaid centres, especially in the rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 394 FOR 20.08.2010

(a)&(b) No State/Union Territory has reported large scale absenteeism of doctors. However, vacancies as well as inadequate manpower does affect the delivery of healthcare services including the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Programmes.

(c) Under the National Rural Health Mission [NRHM], engagement of MBBS doctors, Specialists, AYUSH doctors, Nurses, ANMs and para-medical personnel on contractual basis are permitted to augment the availability of human resources in health facilities. The number of health personnel engaged by different States/UTs on contractual basis under NRHM across the country is as follows:

Specialist Doctors 2434

MBBS Doctor s8771

AYUSH Doctors 7702

Staff Nurses 26197

ANMs 48248

Paramedics 17471

Multi-skilling of doctors and para-medics, provision of financial incentives for serving in difficult areas, improved accommodation facilities, compulsory rural posting etc. are some of the measures to increase availability of staff in peripheral centres.

As per rural health statistics updated up to March, 2009, the number of medical personnel working in Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Sub Centres is as under:

S Name of Post In Position
NO and Centre

1 Doctors at Primary and 35963
Community Health Centres

2 Radiographers, Pharmacists 35738
and Lab Technicians at PHCs
and CHCs

3 Health Workers[Male & Female]/ 282609
ANM at SCs & PHCs, Health Assistant
[F]/ LHV at PHCs and Health Assistant
[M] at PHCs

4 Nurse Midwife/Staff Nurse 56975
at PHCs and CHCs