

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the family welfare and health programmes at Community Health Centre are affected due to large shortfall of male health workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in consultation with the State Governments in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Male Health Workers are appointed by the respective State Governments in Sub-Centres and not in Community Health Centres. As per 'Rural Health Statistics in India 2009' there is a shortfall of 88483 Male Health Workers at Sub-Centres in the country.

Human resource engagement is a major thrust area under NRHM. However, Rural Health manpower is being expanded in all the States through contractual as well as regular appointments, multi-skilling trainings and training in short courses. Incentives have been provided by various States to service providers to encourage them to work in remote rural areas.

Keeping in view the urgent need of revitalization of Multi Purpose Health Workers (Male) Government of India has approved engagement of male health workers on contract basis in 235 identified backward districts, having high disease burden, for a period of three years. Thereafter these posts will be filled up by states on regular basis from their own resources.