

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

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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS/STAFF IN PHCS

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of doctors and para-medical staff in the Primary Health Centres of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of vacant posts at present, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has urged the State Governments to fill up these posts on contract basis; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this matter?

**Answer**

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

[a] Yes.

[b] A statement showing the statewise vacancy position of doctors and other personnel at health centres as per the information available in Rural Health Statistics in India 2009, is Annexed.

[ c to d] Augmentation of human resources is one of the thrust area under the National Rural Health Mission [NRHM]. Financial support is provided under NRHM for engagement of staff on contractual basis. Under NRHM, nearly, 8,624 MBBS Doctors, 2,460 Specialists,-7,692 AYUSH Doctors, 26793 Staff Nurses, 46,660 ANMs and 3,143 Paramedics have been engaged by the States/UTs on contractual basis at health centres.

Multi-skilling of doctors to overcome the shortage of specialists, provision of incentives to serve in rural areas, improved accommodation arrangements, measure to set up more medical colleges, GNM Schools, ANM Schools to produce more doctors and paramedics, are also measure taken to bridge the gap in human resources.