

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

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND FACULTY

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

- (a) whether there is sufficient number of health professionals and medical faculty as per the requirement both in Allopathic and Indian Systems of Medicine in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the availability of medical professionals and faculty against their present requirement in the country, particularly in rural areas;
- (c) the corrective measures taken/ proposed to meet the shortage of health professionals and medical faculty and also check their migration to other countries;
- (d) whether the Government has set up any expert committee to suggest ways and means to overcome such shortfall in health sector and attaining the goal of universal health coverage by 2020; and
- (e) if so, the details of the recommendations made thereby and the follow up action taken/proposed by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) There is imbalance in availability of health professionals and medical faculty both in Allopathic and Indian Systems of Medicine of the country.
- (c) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, in consultation with Medical Council of India, has taken various steps to increase the number of medical professionals/faculty in the medical colleges viz. relaxed requirements of land, reduced teacher-students ratio, relaxed bed strength for opening of more medical colleges, allowed persons possessing DNB qualification for appointment to various faculty positions in medical colleges and raised the maximum age limit for appointment of faculty from 65 to 70 years. Similarly, the Central Government has taken various measures to increase the nurse-doctor ratio in the country.
- (d) No.
- (e) Does not arise.