

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

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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS AND PARA MEDICAL STAFF

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of doctors/ specialist and para-medical staff in Primary Health Centres/Community Health Centres/Sub-Centres of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor, State-wise/ UT-wise and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the shortage;
- (c) the number of sanctioned posts of doctors/specialist doctors/lady doctors lying vacant in the above said centres under National Rural Health Mission;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacant posts at the earliest;
- (e) whether instances of absenteeism of the doctors from the above said centres have come to the notice of the Government; and
- (f) if so, the facts thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Yes. A statement showing the shortage of doctors/ specialist and para-medical staff in Primary Health Centres/Community Health Centres/ Sub-Centres of the country as per the Bulletin on Rural Health Statistics in India, 2009 is at Annexure A . A statement showing the number of sanctioned posts of doctors/specialist doctors/lady doctors lying vacant in the above said centres is at Annexure B.

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. During meetings and review, State Governments have been impressed upon to make efforts to fill up the vacant posts on priority. 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 some of the measures taken to bridge the gap in human resources. Under NRHM, the following staff has been appointed on contractual basis across the country:

SNo Designation and Place of Posting No of staff added

1 Specialists at CHCs 1572

2 General Duty Medical Officers 8284

3 AYUSH Doctors 9578

4 Staff Nurses 26734

5 ANM 53552

6 Para Medics 18272

(e) & (f): Specific report regarding large scale absenteeism of doctors has not been received from any State.