

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

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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS

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

(a) whether there is heavy shortage of the doctors, medicines and diagnostic machines in the Government hospitals of the country resulting in long wait for various medical procedures;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to meet the shortage of the doctors, medicines and machines in the hospitals?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Health being a state subject, no such information is maintained centrally.

In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, namely, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC& its associated hospitals are concerned, there is no shortage of doctors, medicines and diagnostic machines resulting in long wait for various medical procedures. The vacancies arise from time to time due to retirement, resignation, etc. are filled up through UPSC. Hospitals are also allowed to fill up the vacant posts on contract basis till such time the posts are filled on a regular basis. The procurement of medicines and diagnostic machines are continuous process and is done as per the requirement and availability of resources.