

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:519

ANSWERED ON:11.05.2012

NURSING INSTITUTIONS

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of trained nurses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the present nurse-patient ratio in the country;
- (c) the total number of nursing diploma schools, nursing degree schools and nursing colleges functioning in the country and the number of seats thereon, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open more such educational institutions to impart nursing training across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations identified for the purpose, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 519 FOR 11th MAY, 2012

(a) & (b): Yes. As per Planning Commission's National Taskforce Report, there would be a gap of 9.55 lakhs nurses by 2012 of which 2 to 3 lakhs would be in the Government facilities alone. The nurse-patient ratio varies from state to state, district to district and institution to institution. Further, the ratio varies to meet the needs of different units and shifts according to acuity of care, size and location.

(c): A statement is enclosed at Annexure-1.

(d) & (e): The Government has identified certain districts preferably where no such Institution exists under the Scheme of Strengthening/Upgradation of Nursing Services for opening of Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM)/General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) Institutes in various states in 2 phases. A statement showing list of identified districts in this regard is enclosed at Annexure - II. Opening of Institutes under the scheme depends on proposals received from the States as per the scheme guidelines.