

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS UNDER NRHM

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

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of doctors including lady doctors and specialist doctors and paramedical staff sanctioned under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and State Government hospitals in the country including Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise and the steps taken/being taken by Government to meet this shortage;

(c) the number of sanctioned posts of doctors/specialist doctors/lady doctors lying vacant in the country under the NRHM in Rural Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the time by which these posts are likely to be filled up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b): There is shortage of doctors including specialists and paramedical staff. across the country. The State /UT wise details of shortfall of doctors/specialists /paramedical staff in rural areas including the states of Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh as per Rural Health Statistics in India, 2011 is placed at Annexure I-XI.

Various reasons attributed for shortage include non availability of requisite number of doctors and paramedics, shortage of medical colleges and training institutes in certain states and unwillingness on the part of doctors to work in rural areas.

Public Health is a state subject. Financial support is provided to States under NRHM to strengthen the health system including engagement of doctors and paramedics on contractual basis based on the requirement proposed by the State in annual Programme Implementation Plan.

Further, 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 and ANM Schools particularly in deficient States/ districts to produce more doctors and paramedics are some of the important measures taken to bridge the gap in human resources. Norms for setting up of a medical college in terms of requirement of land, faculty, bed strength/bed occupancy and other infrastructure have been relaxed. Establishment of medical college in two pieces of land has been allowed in 8 backward States for a period of five years. During the last 4 years, 66 new medical colleges have been set up.

(c) The state/UT-wise data regarding vacancies of doctors/specialist doctors in PHCs and CHCs is placed as Annexure - I, II and III.

(d) The posts required for health facilities are filled up by respective State/UT Governments. The State/UT Governments are impressed upon from time to time to fill up the vacant posts at the earliest.