

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

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WORKING HOURS OF DOCTORS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is taking any steps to proportionately divide the working hours of doctors on duty in all Government hospitals to ensure round the clock presence of doctors in hospitals to attend the patients; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b):- Health is a state subject and no such information is maintained centrally. Moreover, it is the responsibility of the State Governments to take steps in this regard, if required. However, in so far as the three Central Government hospitals namely, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi and Lady Hardinge Medical College & its associated hospitals are concerned, the doctors in these hospitals are posted in shift duties and round the clock presence of doctors in the hospitals is ensured to attend the patients.