

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3415
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REGISTERED DOCTORS AND NURSES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of registered doctors and nurses in the country, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the facts that around 27% of India's registered doctors and almost 63% nurses are not active anymore;
- (c) if so, the facts in this regard along with the details of the survey/assessment conducted in the matter;
- (d) whether the Government has analysed the factors responsible for the doctors and nurses quitting or changing their professions in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof and the steps taken/ proposed by the Government to correct the situation?

Answer

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

- (a): The details are enclosed at Annexure.
- (b) & (c): The Medical Council of India and the Indian Nursing Council maintain the registers containing the names of their respective professionals. Since these are not live registers, it is not possible to accurately estimate the percentage of active practitioners in their professions.
- (d) & (e): Factors responsible for the doctors and nurses quitting or changing their profession include pursuing higher studies and better employment prospects. In order to arrest this trend in the Government Sector, the following steps have been taken by the Central Government:
 - (i) Pay and allowances have been enhanced considerably after implementation of the 6th Central Pay Commission.
 - (ii) The age of superannuation of faculty of medical institutions has been enhanced to 65 years.
 - (iii) Assured Promotion Scheme for faculty of Central Government Institutions has been revised to make it more beneficial.
 - (iv) Various allowances available to faculty like Non Practicing Allowance, Conveyance Allowance, Learning Resource Allowance, etc. have been enhanced considerably.