

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:215

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HUMAN RESOURCE IN HEALTH CARE SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the availability and the shortfall of human resources in the health care sector, particularly in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the density of doctors, nurses and para-medical professionals in proportion to the population in the rural areas in comparison to the urban areas in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has chalked out any action plan to improve the availability of doctors, nurses and para-medical professionals, particularly in the rural areas of the country during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.215 FOR 7TH DECEMBER, 2012

(a) & (b) : As per Rural Health Statistics in India, 2011, the State/UT wise statement showing the shortfall of Doctors, Specialists, Nurses, Male and Female Health workers at Sub Centers (SCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) is placed at Annexure - I to V.

(c): The state-wise estimates of density of doctors and nurses in proportion to population in the rural areas in comparison to urban areas in the country as per HRH Technical Report, 2008 (by Krishna D. Rao et al) is placed as Annexure - VI- A and VI-B.

(d) & (e) : Public Health is a state subject. Financial support is provided to States under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to strengthen the health system including engagement of doctors and paramedics on contractual basis based on the requirement proposed by the States in their annual Programme Implementation Plans. Further, support is also being provided under NRHM for multi-skilling of doctors to overcome the shortage of specialists, provision of incentives to serve in rural areas, mainstreaming of AYUSH, improved accommodation arrangements in rural areas etc.

To increase the availability of doctors, several initiatives have been taken to rationalize the norms in medical education, such as, relaxation in land requirements, bed strength, increase in ceiling for maximum intake for undergraduates, enhancement of teacher-student ratio in PG etc which has resulted in substantial increase in number of undergraduate and post graduate seats. There is a proposal in the Twelfth Plan to support establishment of new medical colleges in deficient states and strengthening of Government Medical colleges to increase the MBBS seats. Government has also approved setting up of ANM/GNM Schools in different States besides setting up of Institutes of Paramedical Sciences at National and regional levels.