

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN CGHS DISPENSARIES
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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 and paramedical staff in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensaries in Delhi including Telegraph Lane Dispensary;
- (b) if so, the details of sanctioned strength and the actual number of Staff/ doctors in the allopathic/ayurvedic/ homoeopathy CGHS dispensaries in Delhi;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the shortage of doctors and paramedical staff in all the dispensaries in Delhi; and
- (d) the time by which the said shortage is likely to be met?

Answer

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

(a) There is an overall shortage of doctors and paramedical professionals in the country, including CGHS. The Telegraph Lane Dispensary has 3 doctors and 10 staff in position to cater to the healthcare needs of CGHS beneficiaries.

(b) The requisite details are given as under:-

Categories of Doctors	Sanctioned strength	Filled up	Vacant
Specialists	117	101	16
Allopathic GDMO	699	575	124
Ayurvedic	43	21	22
Homeopathic	29	20	09
Unani	10	10	00
Category	Sanctioned strength	Filled up	Vacant
Group-B Officers	05	01	04
Category	Sanctioned strength	Filled up	Vacant
Group-C officials	1431	1052	379
Category	Sanctioned strength	Filled up	Vacant
Group-D staff	1230	830	400

(c) & (d) : Every year UPSC makes recommendations for direct appointment of doctors and also for filling vacancies of promotional posts. However, many of the selected candidates against direct recruitment do not join CGHS. Retired doctors have been hired on contract basis against some of the vacant posts to manage the operations depending on the immediate need. No specific time frame can be indicated for filling the vacant posts on regular basis.