

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

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VACANT POSTS OF DOCTORS

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

(a) whether a large number of posts of doctors to be filled by MBBS or equivalent degree holders are presently lying vacant in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to deal with country's growing needs for professional manpower in the health sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) & (b) As per available records, there are 4068 & 4708 vacancies of doctors at Community Health Centres & Primary Health Centres respectively.

(c) Medical Council of India Regulations have been reviewed and amended suitably with regard to land requirement, teacher-student ratio, etc. which will facilitate setting up of more medical colleges and also enhance the intake in Post Graduate Courses & Super-Specialties.

Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations have been amended to provide:

i. 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas; and

ii. Incentive at the rate of 10% of the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.

Besides, other regulations have also been rationalized.