

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the adequacy of health services in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of vacant posts of directors, doctors and other health professionals in various health departments and hospitals/health centres in Lakshadweep, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard including posting of Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic doctors in Lakshadweep; and
- (e) the other measures taken/proposed by the Government to strengthen health services including drugs, medical equipment, infrastructure and cardiac care units in Lakshadweep?

Answer

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

(a)to (c): The UT Administration of Lakshadweep has informed that it has assessed the adequacy of health services in the Union Territory (UT) of Lakshadweep. It has been further informed by the UT Administration that the Primary Health Care indicators such as like IMR, MMRD/R,B/R and Population growth etc are much above the National level indicators in UT of Lakshadweep.

The Lakshadweep Administration has informed that despite having better demographic indicators there are inadequate Specialists/Super Specialty Services.

7 posts of Non-Teaching specialist and 2 posts of Teaching specialist sub-cadre of Central Health Scheme (CHS) are lying vacant.

(d):
(i) Posting of doctors of CHS cadre is done on rotational basis for 90 days till the posts are filled on regular basis.

(ii) Ayurvedic physicians are provided in all islands excepts Kiltan and Chetlat.

(iii) Homoeopathic doctors are provided in all islands except Kadamat and Kalpeni.

(e): Under Central Sponsored Scheme for Development of AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries, Department of AYUSH has provided financial assistance of Rs.53.79 Lakhs and Rs. 62.56 Lakhs for purchase medicine, equipment and infrastructure at co-located AYUSH facilities of Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and District Hospital during 2010-11 and 2011-12 in the UT of Lakshadweep.

UT Administration has informed that an amount of Rs. 20 crore has been spent for providing medicines and equipment in the current Financial Year i.e 2012-13 and availability of all essential and lifesaving medicines, machinery and equipment including cardiac care unit in Lakshadweep has been ensured.