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CONDITION OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the shortage of doctors, lack of sanitation and prevailing unhygienic conditions in most of the Government hospitals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has decided to constitute an Infection Control Committee in all the hospitals;
- (d) if so, the number of Government hospitals where the said committees have been constituted so far; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts of doctors and also to improve sanitation/hygienic system in the Government hospitals?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Public Health is a State subject, it is responsibility of the State Governments to ensure availability of doctors, proper sanitation and hygienic conditions in the hospitals, which fall under their jurisdiction. The information regarding constitution of Infection Control Committee by the Hospitals is not maintained Centrally.

As far as three Central Government Hospitals viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC & Hospitals are concerned, there is shortage of doctors in these hospitals due to retirements, resignations and natural wasting.

The replacement is a continuous process. The vacancies are as follows:

Safdarjung Hospital - 46

Dr. RML Hospital - 89

LHMC & Hospital - 81

However, Sanitation and hygienic conditions of these hospitals are satisfactory. Infection Control Committee already exists in these Hospitals.

Filling up of the vacant posts of doctors is a continuous process through UPSC after completing the required formalities. However, in order to retain the best talent in the Government Sector and to fill up the vacant posts, various steps have been taken, which include enhancement in age for superannuation of Teaching Specialists from 62 to 65 and the age of superannuation of Non- Teaching and Public Health Specialists of Central Health Services (CHS) enhanced from 60 to 62 years; extension of Dynamic Assured Career Progression Scheme (DACP) upto Senior Administrative Grade level; enhancement of study leave for CHS doctors from 2 year to 3 years for post graduation, etc.

Sanitation and hygiene is maintained in these hospitals with the help of regular sanitation staff and outsourced staff. Pest control is undertaken in these hospitals on regular basis. Mechanized cleaning is also carried out in the above mentioned hospitals. Sanitation workers are provided training time to time on sanitation, hygiene and hospital waste management.