

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

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

- (a) the details of the Panchkarma hospitals functioning in the country under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS);
- (b) whether there is shortage of qualified doctors in these hospitals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the medical experts in Panchkarma are reportedly made to take care of clerical work in certain CGHS dispensaries and office;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): There is no Panchkarma hospital under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS). However, CGHS has one multipurpose Ayurvedic Hospital at Aliganj, New Delhi which is providing Panchkarma treatment to CGHS beneficiaries. There is no post of Panchkarma doctor (specialist) in this hospital. 3 regular doctors and one contractual doctor are in position against the sanctioned post of 9 doctors at the hospital to provide medical treatment to the CGHS beneficiaries in Ayurvedic system of medicine. CGHS engages retired Govt. doctors on short-term contract basis to meet the shortage of Ayurvedic doctors as per the requirements.

(d)to(f): There is no sanctioned post of Panchkarma doctor (specialist) in CGHS, However, it has Panchkarma Assistant / Attendant in position at the CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital, New Delhi, whose services are utilised for office work in case of exigencies, as and when required.