

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DOCTOR POPULATION RATIO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of doctors compared to the total population as on date;
- (b) whether the doctor-patient ratio is on the decline in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of doctors graduating every year from the medical colleges in the country;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any proactive action to increase the number of doctors in proportion to the increase in population; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) The doctor patient ratio varies from case to case depending upon various factors like type of diseases, nature of specialization, type of treatment required i.e. indoor/outdoor. As per information furnished by Medical Council of India, the total number of registered allopathic doctors in the country is 7, 33, 617. Thus the percentage of allopathic doctor in proportion to population at present works out to 0.06% approximately and the allopathic doctors population ratio works out to 1:1584 approximately. In addition there more than six lakh practitioners of Indian system of medicine and Homoeopathy. Taking all these number together, the percentage of doctors with respect to population is 0.11% and the doctor population ratio comes to 1:1860 approximately. Currently, there are 289 medical colleges in the country for teaching modern system of medicine with annual intake of 33, 382, who add up to the existing medical manpower. The National Rural Health Mission has been operationalised with the aim of providing accessible and reliable primary health care facilities especially to poor and the vulnerable section of the population.