

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

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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of doctors including specialist doctors/ scientists, nurses and paramedical staff in the Central Government controlled hospitals and its associated hospitals including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the shortage along with its impact on the quality of the medical treatment being provided to the patients, hospitals and post-wise;
- (c) the number of average patients attended by a doctor and a nurse in a day in the said hospitals, hospital-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment with regard to the proportionate increase/decrease in the number of patients vis-a-vis the increase/ decrease of doctors/nurses in the said hospitals during each of the last three years and current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government for recruitment of adequate number of doctors, nurses and paramedical staff in the said hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) & (b): The doctors of teaching, non-teaching and General Duty Medical Officer (GDMO) sub cadres of the Central Health Services (CHS) are posted in various organizations spread in States/UTs including Central Government hospitals in Delhi namely Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospitals and LHMC & associated Hospitals.

The details of vacant posts of Doctors in AIIMS and of CHS Cadre in three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are given below:

Name of the Hospital	Vacant post of doctors
Safdarjung Hospital	110
Dr. RML Hospital	87
LHMC & Associated Hospitals	91
AIIMS, New Delhi	223

In AIIMS 90 posts of scientists are vacant. The details of vacant posts of Nurses/paramedical/technical staff in AIIMS and three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are given below:

Name of the Hospital	Vacant posts of Nurses	Vacant posts of Paramedical/technical staff
Safdarjung Hospital	143	45
Dr. RML Hospital	217	99
LHMC and Associated Hospitals	406	195
AIIMS	287	692

The reasons for vacant posts include promotion, retirement, resignation, termination, creation of new posts, death, non-availability of suitable candidates, low rate of joining at initial levels etc. In spite all these constrains efforts are made to provide quality health care to the patients.

(c): The details of average number of patients attended to by the doctors and nurses per day in OPD in these hospitals during 2013 are given below:

Name of the Hospital	Average number of patients attended per day in OPD during 2013
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Safdarjung Hospital 9029
Dr. RML Hospital 5286
LHMC & Associated Hospitals 4636
AIIMS, New Delhi 9197

(d) and (e): Creation of posts in a Hospital is an ongoing process and requirement of manpower is taken into account while approving the expansion, redevelopment projects. Filling of posts are continuous process and is taken up in accordance with requirement. Wherever possible, Hospitals are permitted to make contractual appointment against vacant posts as a stop gap arrangement in public interest so that the patient care does not suffer.