

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3293
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VACANT POST OF DOCTORS IN LAKSHADWEEP
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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, nurses and paramedical staff in the hospitals of Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the shortage along with its impact on the quality of medical treatment being provided to the patients; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for recruitment of adequate number of doctors, nurses and paramedical staff in the hospitals of Lakshadweep?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the Rural Health Statistics (RHS) in India, 2013, there is no shortfall of Doctors, Nurses, ANMs, Laboratory Technicians, Pharmacists and Radiographers in Public Health Facilities of Lakshadweep. However, there is a shortfall of 12 Specialists at Community Health Centres (CHCs). The Ministry is deputing specialists on rotation basis for a period of 90 days in Lakshadweep so that health care facilities are not impacted due to shortage of specialists in Lakshadweep.

(c): Under National Health Mission (NHM), financial support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their health system, including through engagement of doctors, specialists and other health human resource on contractual basis based on the requirement proposed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans. Contractual position of 7 Specialists, 15 Doctors, 34 Auxiliary Nurse and Midwives, 28 Staff Nurses, 9 Lab Technicians, 7 Pharmacists and 7 Radiographers were approved under NHM in 2013-14 to increase availability of human resources for health in Lakshadweep. The UT Administration has been impressed upon to fill up the vacant posts.