

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has a huge shortfall of allied health professionals (AHPs) in various health cadres and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of allied health professionals presently working vis-a-vis their requirement in the country, cadre and State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any report and suggestions in this regard in the recent past;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the fresh measures being taken by the Government to increase the number of paramedical workforce to meet their growing requirement in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes. As per the report of Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) released in December 2012, there is shortfall of approximately 64 lakh Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in various health cadres in the country. Cadre-wise details of shortfall of AHPs is at Annexure-I. The main reasons for short fall of Allied Health Professionals include lack of training capacity, poor infrastructure, lack of professional capacities, absence of regulatory body for allied health professionals etc. the statewide details of availability of AHPs is at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): To overcome the shortage of Allied Health Professionals, it has been decided to establish one National Institute of Paramedical Sciences (NIPS) at Najafgarh (Delhi) and eight Regional Institutes of Paramedical Sciences (RIPS) at Bhagalpur (Bihar), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Chandigarh (Chandigarh), Coimbatore (Tamilnadu), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) and Nagpur (Maharashtra). The scheme aims at augmenting the supply of skilled paramedical manpower and at promoting quality of paramedical training through standardization of such education/courses across the country. Once operationalized, the 8 RIPS would generate 8,320 paramedics (8 institutes X 26 Under graduate courses X 40 students), and with operationalization of one NIPS, provided it runs 7 post-graduate courses with 20 students in each course, would generate 140 (1 institute X 7 Post-Graduate courses X 20 students) PG paramedics per year.