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Title: Need to regularize the service of staff working under National Health Mission on contract basis in Lakshadweep.

MOHAMMED FAIZAL (LAKSHADWEEP) : NHM staff have been working at Directorate of Health Services, U.T. of Lakshadweep, Kavaratti for the last 5 to 14 years on a meagre remuneration on contract basis with expectation of regular appointment. In the year 2012, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had directed all the UTs/State Governments to create and fill up regular posts for the NHM staff. But the action to create and fill up the posts for the staff of Lakshadweep is still in initial stage. The Parliamentary Standing Committee of Health and Family Welfare had also expressed its concern in its report regarding contractual appointment in place of regular appointments at various health facilities in rural areas across the country. It is requested that NHM staff may be appointed on regular basis by creating required posts as directed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The services of NHM staff presently working at DHS, UT of Lakshadweep on contract basis may immediately be regularized and their pay, allowances and leave may be fixed at par with regular employees and Medical Cash Less Card (DGEHS Card) be provided to them.