

**SHRI A. K. KISKU:** At present in 5,197 primary health centres 8,813 doctors are in position. There is thus a shortfall of 2,181 doctors in the present functioning of the health centres. In addition 203 blocks are such where primary health centres have yet to be established wherein 406 doctors would be needed. In 5,400 blocks, the total strength of doctors is 2,500 and odd.

**SHRI P. M. SAYEED:** Sir, I shall put in my question in such a way...

**MR. SPEAKER:** You will put it in such a way that I have to tell you that the Question Hour is over. Give him half a minute so that we may have one more question in the list.

**Requirement of Medical Graduates at the end of Fifth Five Year Plan**

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\*311. **SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-DHURY:**  
**SHRI R. N. BARMAN:**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has made any study on the requirement of Medical Graduates in the country at the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan, when Health Centres in rural areas will be more than doubled than the existing number of Health Centres and more doctors will be needed; and

(b) if so, the number of Medical Graduates in the country and the number that will be required and how this huge gap will be fulfilled?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU):** (a) Yes Sir. However, the number of primary health centres is not proposed to be doubled during the Fifth Five Year Plan.

(b) The number of medical graduates in allopathy by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan is expected to reach 1,37,900. It is anticipated that

during the Fifth Five Year Plan period, another 60,000 fresh medical graduates will be available. This number is considered adequate to meet the Fifth Plan requirements.

**SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY:** The hon. Minister has stated that the number of primary health centres is not proposed to be doubled. What will be the number of subsidiary health centres at the end of the Fifth Plan if we take the basic approach that for every 8,000-10,000 population there should be provided one subsidiary health centre?

**SHRI A. K. KISKU:** The hon. member is correct in saying that for 8,000-10,000 there should be one centre. But these subsidiary centres are not supposed to be manned by doctors; they are supposed to be manned by basic health officers and ANMs.

**SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY:** Doctors are posted in the subsidiary health centres. I do not know on what basis the hon. Minister is saying that they are not.

I would like to know what steps are taken by the Health Ministry to train some of the para-medical personnel to man these subsidiary health centres.

**SHRI A. K. KISKU:** This is for training ANMs. In the Fifth Plan, there are concrete proposals for having training centres in the country so, that the shortfall that is there may be made up.

**SHRI R. N. BARMAN:** Do Government propose to set up additional medical colleges in the States to meet our needs? If so, which are the States?

**SHRI A. K. KISKU:** There is no finalisation of any plan for more medical colleges.

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS**

**Demand of Gujarat for funds to meet severe drought**

\*305. **SHRI VEKARIA:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be