

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.116
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JUNE,2019**

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN THE CGHS DISPENSARIES

116. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

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

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of doctors in the CGHS dispensaries across the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has appointed retired doctors in the CGHS dispensaries, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government intends to appoint new doctors in the said dispensaries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with number of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Yes, there is a shortage of Central Health Services (CHS) doctors in CGHS Dispensaries. For due patient care, retired doctors are engaged on contract basis against vacant posts of regular doctors as an interim measure. Presently, a total of 204 doctors have been engaged on contract basis in various CGHS dispensaries all over India.

(c) & (d): Government makes efforts on a continuous basis to fill up the vacant posts of doctors in CGHS dispensaries. For this purpose, requisition is sent to the Union Public Service Commission for recruitment of General Duty Medical Officers (GDMOs) through the Combined Medical Services Examination. The Reservation Roster for GDMO Sub-cadre of the CHS is maintained as per the reservation policy of the Government.