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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1060 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND NOVEMBER. 2019

SHORTAGE OF NON-DOCTOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

1060. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state the details of the steps taken by the Government to address the shortage of non-doctor medical staff across Government hospitals and health centres in the country?

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

'Public Health' and 'Hospitals' are State subjects and therefore, such information is not maintained centrally. However, as far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi viz. Safdarjung, Dr. RML and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals are concerned, to address the issue of shortage of staff in these hospitals, efforts are being made to fill up the sanctioned posts on regular basis as per rules. However, sometimes recruitment of staff against regular vacancies takes a lot of time as the process requires framing/amendment of recruitment rules, revival of lapsed posts, re-advertisement of vacancies etc. Therefore, pending regular appointments of these posts in the above mentioned hospitals, permission` is granted to make appointments on contract/ outsource basis against the vacant posts, as a stop-gap arrangement, in public interest.

Further, post creation and filling up of posts are continuous process. Since, there is ever increasing load of patients in these hospitals, new posts are created and filled as per the requirement of the hospital subject to availability of resources.