

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2820  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**SHORTAGE OF TRAINED HEALTHCARE WORKERS FOR COVID-19  
VACCINATION**

**2820. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:**

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

- (a) whether there is huge demand of trained nurses for vaccination and supporting staff globally as many trained nurses in the country are quitting jobs to move to foreign countries especially in Gulf countries, if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA) have shown concern about this trend;
- (c) if so, whether country is likely to face shortage of trained nurses and supporting staff which is likely to affect vaccination drive(s) in the country; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): COVID-19 pandemic has underlined the need for effective utilization of healthcare workers globally. Health being a State subject, it is for the respective State Governments to assess requirement of healthcare professionals and take appropriate steps to meet the demand in public health facilities. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to the States/UTs to strength their health care systems, including support of engagement of human resources.

(b): No.

(c) & (d): No. However, as per Indian Nursing Council (INC) records, there are around 32.63 lakh nursing personnel registered in the country. Moreover, there are around 5085 Nursing Institutions in the country producing about 3.35 lakh nursing personnel annually.

Adequate numbers of vaccinators and other vaccination team members have been trained for COVID-19 vaccination.