

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
INCENTIVES FOR PERSONNEL WORKING UNDER NRHM .

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

- (a) the reasons Government is not able to establish rural health care delivery structure in the country inspite of spending thousands of crores;
- (b) whether it is a fact that only 20 per cent of pediatricians and only 25 per cent of surgeons, obstetricians and gynaecologists and general physicians are in place under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry proposes to give double salaries as is being done in case of personnel involved in naxal operations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) Government of India launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to strengthen the rural Health care delivery structure. Besides physical infrastructure, NRHM also provides support to the States for augmentation of human resources, provision of equipments, emergency transport, drugs, diagnostics and other support. Under NRHM nearly 8,624 MBBS Doctors, 2,460 Specialist, 7,692 AYUSH Doctors, 26,793 Staff Nurses, 46,660 ANMs and 3,143 Paramedics have been engaged by States on contractual basis.

(b) As per "Rural health Statistics in India 2009", 4,026 posts of Specialists including surgeons, obstetricians and gynecologists and general physicians are vacant which is nearly 44.6 percent of the sanctioned posts. Innovative steps are taken by States to overcome the shortage of specialists by multi-skilling of doctors through courses like Life Saving Anesthesia Skills (LSAS) and Emergency Obstetrics Care (EmOC), training programmes for their skill upgradation and filling up the vacant posts through contractual appointments.

(c) No

(a) Does not arise.