

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 278  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**DRUG INSPECTORS AND SPECIALISTS FOR REGULATORY WORK**

**278. DR. CHANDAN MITRA:**

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

- (a) the total requirement of drug inspectors and specialists for regulatory work in the country vis-a-vis their present strength;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to meet the huge requirement of drug inspectors and specialists for regulatory work; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a): Keeping in view the size of Indian Pharma Industry and consumer base / number of sales units, over 3000 drug inspectors are required both at the Central and State levels. The strength of drug inspectors in the country as compiled by Central Drugs Standard Control Organization in September, 2015, was 1467.

(b): Yes.

(c): The Central Government has increased the number of sanctioned posts of drugs inspectors in CDSCO from 32 in April, 2008 to 279 in November, 2015. The Government has approved a proposal to strengthen the Drug Regulatory Structures both in the Centre and the States at a cost of Rs.1750 Crore. This will include augmentation of human resources at different levels both for regulatory functions and laboratories.

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