

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 283
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2015**

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF STAFF NURSES AND COUNSELLORS IN HOSPITALS

283. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA:

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

- (a) whether the post of psychology counsellor has not been filled in so many hospitals for a long period, if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor;
- (b) whether it is a fact that staff nurses have been working as counsellors in the said hospitals despite being ineligible for the post, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is acute shortage of staff nurses in the hospitals for a long time, if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to fill posts of counsellors and staff nurses in said hospitals?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally. As far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals are concerned, there is no such sanctioned post in these hospitals.

As far as shortage of Staff Nurses is concerned, a number of posts of Nurses in these hospitals are lying vacant on account of retirement, resignation, non-finalisation of Recruitment Rules, etc. and other administrative reasons. However, this Ministry has approved filling of 743 posts of Nurses on contract basis for a period of 6 months or till appointments are made on regular basis, whichever is earlier, as per details given below:

| Name of Hospital | No. of Posts of Nurses approved for filling up on contract basis |
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| Safdarjung Hospital | 177 |
| Dr. RML Hospital | 236 |
| Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital | 266 |
| Kalawati Saran Children Hospital | 64 |

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