

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.305
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2015**

RURAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

305. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

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

- (a) the number of rural medical practitioners that are practicing medicine in India currently;
- (b) the number of instances of injuries and deaths caused by rural health practitioners in the last three years, Statewise; and
- (c) whether Government plans to or has undertaken measures to train rural health practitioners as paramedics, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) & (b): Health being a State subject, no such data is maintained centrally.

As per MCI records, there are 9.29 lakh doctors registered in the Indian Medical Register as on 31.03.2014. Assuming 80% availability, it is estimated that around 7.4 lakh doctors may be actually available for active service. Besides, there are an estimated 6.77 lakh AUH doctors (Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathic) in the country.

(c): No.