

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2837
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2018**

PHCs FUNCTIONING WITHOUT DOCTORS

2837. SHRI K.K. RAGESH:

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

- (a) whether a large number of PHCs is functioning without doctors;
- (b) if so, the details of PHCs where doctors post is vacant, State-wise; and
- (c) whether any concrete measures are being taken to address such deficiency of doctors?

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

(a) & (b): As per Rural Health Statistics (RHS) 2017, the state wise number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) functional without doctors is at Annexure.

(c): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to address the deficiency of doctor lies within the respective State/UT Governments. Under the National Health Mission, support is being provided to State UTs to strengthen their healthcare system. To increase the availability of doctors, several initiatives have been taken such as:

- I. 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas.
- II. Incentive at the rate of 10% of the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas up to the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.
- III. Support is provided to States/UTs for hard area allowance to specialist doctors for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters so that they find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas.

- IV. The States are encouraged to adopt flexible norms for engaging specialists at public health facilities. These include various mechanisms for 'contacting in' and 'contracting out' of specialist services, methods of engaging specialists outside the government system for service delivery at public facilities and the mechanism to include requests for these in the state Program Implementation Plans (PIP) under the National Health Mission.
- V. Strengthening/upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG courses/Increase of PG seats,
- VI. Establishment of New Medical Colleges by upgrading district/referral hospitals preferably in underserved districts of the country.
- VII. Strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS seats.
- VIII. The States are also advised from time to time to fill up the vacant posts and formulate rational HR policies.

Annexure

NUMBER OF PHCs WITHOUT DOCTOR			
S. No.	State/UT	(As on 31st March, 2017)	
		Total PHCs functioning	Number of PHCs functioning without doctors
1	Andhra Pradesh	1147	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	143	40
3	Assam	1014	76
4	Bihar	1899	0
5	Chhattisgarh	785	390
6	Goa	24	0
7	Gujarat	1392	0
8	Haryana #	366	57
9	Himachal Pradesh	538	69
10	Jammu & Kashmir	637	121
11	Jharkhand	297	108
12	Karnataka	2359	203
13	Kerala	849	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	1171	393
15	Maharashtra	1814	0
16	Manipur	85	1
17	Meghalaya	109	1
18	Mizoram	57	5
19	Nagaland	126	17
20	Odisha	1280	86
21	Punjab	432	38
22	Rajasthan	2079	167
23	Sikkim	24	0
24	Tamil Nadu	1362	0
25	Telangana	689	0
26	Tripura	93	0
27	Uttarakhand	257	63
28	Uttar Pradesh	3621	0
29	West Bengal	914	139
30	A& N Islands	22	0
31	Chandigarh	3	0
32	D & N Haveli	9	0
33	Daman & Diu	4	0
34	Delhi	5	0
35	Lakshadweep	4	0
36	Puducherry	40	0
	All India ^{1/} Total	25650	1974

Note: NA: Not Available.

¹ For calculating the overall percentages, the States/UTs for which manpower position is not available, are excluded