

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4105
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2018**

VACANT POSTS OF ONCOLOGISTS

**4105. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that only 106 cancer specialists are working against the sanctioned posts of 148 in the hospitals/ institutes of Central Government in the country;
- (b) if so, for how long the rest of the 42 sanctioned posts have been lying vacant and the steps taken in the last three years to fill these posts and the reasons for these vacancies;
- (c) whether cancer patients are compelled to visit from one hospital to another due to lack of treatment in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi as 15 out of 64 posts of oncologists are lying vacant; and
- (d) the details regarding vacant posts of specialist doctors including other doctors in Central Government hospitals in the country?

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

(a): As per available information, as on 06.03.2018, a total of 106 Cancer Specialists have been working in Central Government Hospitals/Institutions as per details given in the Table below:

Hospital	Sanctioned posts	Filled up	Vacant posts
Safdarjung Hospital	11	8	3
AIIMS, Delhi	64	49	15
Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute	30	20	10
PGIMER, Chandigarh	12	9	3
JIPMER, Puducherry	14	11	3
RIMS, Imphal	5	5	-
NEIGRIHMS, Shilong	12	4	8
TOTAL	148	106	42

(b): The concerned administrative authorities continue to make efforts to fill up the sanctioned posts of doctors in all streams including Oncology. However, the posts either remain vacant or fall vacant for various reasons, such as, non-availability of adequate number of eligible candidates, resignation by the doctors, etc. Since most of these posts including the vacant posts pertaining to various autonomous bodies, such as, AIIMS, New Delhi; JIPMER, Puducherry; CNCI, Kolkata; PGIMER, Chandigarh; NEIGRIHMS, Shillong, etc., the concerned institutes make recruitments in accordance with their respective rules/bye-laws.

(c): All Central Government hospitals and autonomous bodies provide treatment to cancer patients from various parts of the Country. Further, doctors with DM(Medical Oncology), M.Ch.(Surgical Oncology) and MD (Radiation Oncology) treat cancer patients in higher level tertiary care hospitals. Cancer is also treated in hospitals by doctors of other related Specialities, such as, General Surgeons, Gynecologists, ENT Surgeons, etc. depending on the type and site of cancer. Cancer is diagnosed and treated at various levels in the Government health care system including in various Central Government Hospitals and Autonomous Hospitals under the Central Government.

(d): Out of 2,182 sanctioned posts in various specialities, including Public Health Specialists, of the Central Health Service, 1,569 are filled and 613 are vacant.

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