

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 932
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd DECEMBER, 2024**

DOCTOR-PATIENT RATIO

932. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

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

- (a) whether Government has data on the current ratio of specialist doctors to the population across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of availability of midwives and nurses and doctor to population ratio in rural areas; and
- (c) whether disaggregated data is available on the doctor-to-population ratio nationwide, excluding AYUSH practitioners if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for including AYUSH doctors considering the discrepancy due to their global unavailability?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): As per information provided by National Medical Commission (NMC), there are 13,86,145 allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils (SMCs) and the National Medical Commission (NMC) as on November, 2024. As per data received from various State Nursing Registration Councils (SNRCs), around 38.49 lakh nursing personnel are registered in the country. It is estimated that around 80% of registered doctors/nursing personnel are available for active services.
