

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 30\*  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2026**

**NURSE-POPULATION RATIO IN THE COUNTRY**

**\*30 SHRI RAJINDER GUPTA:**

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state;

- (a) whether Government is aware that India's nurse-population ratio is about 1.96 per 1,000 population as against the WHO-recommended 3 per 1,000;
- (b) the number of nurses trained, registered and granted emigration clearance for overseas employment during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the impact of rising nurse emigration on the public health system, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to revise or increase the minimum wages/ remuneration of nurses in public and private healthcare establishments, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA  
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(a) to (c) As per the Indian Nursing Council (INC) records, there are 46.02 lakh nursing personnel registered in the country as on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2025, giving a nurse to population ratio of 2.60 nurses per 1000 population. **State/UT-wise total number of trained nurses** in the country is given at **Annexure-I**. Further, **details of emigration clearances granted to nurses for overseas employment State/UT-wise and year-wise in the last three years** are at **Annexure-II**.

(d) Health being a State subject, regulation of pay scales and working conditions of nurses employed in public as well as private hospitals/institutions primarily falls within the domain of the respective State/Union Territory Governments. However, as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, a Committee of Experts was constituted under the Chairpersonship of Director General of Health Services to look into the working conditions and pay of nurses working in private hospitals and nursing homes. The recommendations of the said committee have been forwarded to all States/Union Territories and are reiterated from time to time.

**STATE WISE NUMBER OF REGISTERED NURSES IN INDIA**

| S. No. | STATE              | Total No. of Registered Nurses & Auxiliary Nurses in India as on 31.12.2025 |                |              |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|        |                    | ANM                                                                         | RN & RM        | LHV          |
| 1.     | Andhra Pradesh     | 142608                                                                      | 306983         | 2480         |
| 2.     | Arunachal Pradesh  | 8761                                                                        | 10930          | 383          |
| 3.     | Assam              | 32572                                                                       | 35677          | 524          |
| 4.     | Bihar              | 42605                                                                       | 19475          | 511          |
| 5.     | Chattisgarh        | 15238                                                                       | 45631          | 1352         |
| 6.     | Delhi              | 6333                                                                        | 111322         | 0            |
| 7.     | Goa                | 558                                                                         | 2277           | 0            |
| 8.     | Gujarat            | 44037                                                                       | 135421         | 0            |
| 9.     | Haryana****        | 33079                                                                       | 46864          | 694          |
| 10.    | Himachal Pradesh** | 7181                                                                        | 39066          | 500          |
| 11.    | Jharkhand          | 16270                                                                       | 10748          | 142          |
| 12.    | Karnataka          | 21690                                                                       | 530321         | 6840         |
| 13.    | Kerala             | 32573                                                                       | 379090         | 8507         |
| 14.    | Madhya Pradesh**   | 51613                                                                       | 175363         | 1731         |
| 15.    | Maharashtra        | 96299                                                                       | 190398         | 968          |
| 16.    | Meghalaya          | 2622                                                                        | 12845          | 264          |
| 17.    | Manipur            | 4941                                                                        | 18189          | 0            |
| 18.    | Mizoram            | 3007                                                                        | 6244           | 0            |
| 19.    | Odisha             | 45533                                                                       | 52423          | 238          |
| 20.    | Punjab             | 54519                                                                       | 154784         | 2584         |
| 21.    | Rajasthan          | 76654                                                                       | 237217         | 323          |
| 22.    | Tamil Nadu         | 70564                                                                       | 394405         | 11295        |
| 23.    | Tripura            | 3594                                                                        | 11186          | 148          |
| 24.    | Uttar Pradesh      | 148297                                                                      | 234174         | 2763         |
| 25.    | Uttarakhand        | 12729                                                                       | 24790          | 55           |
| 26.    | West Bengal        | 72129                                                                       | 228758         | 12854        |
| 27.    | Telangana          | 4746                                                                        | 60919          | 0            |
| 28.    | Sikkim             | 308                                                                         | 3486           | 0            |
| 29.    | Nagaland           | 2922                                                                        | 3886           | 0            |
| 30.    | Jammu and Kashmir* | 5264                                                                        | 4859           | 0            |
|        | <b>Total</b>       | <b>1059246</b>                                                              | <b>3487731</b> | <b>55156</b> |

**Source:** Respective State Nurses Registration Council

**ANM:** Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, **RN & RM:** Registered Nurses & Registered Midwives,

**LHV:** Lady Health Visitores,

**Note** - \* Data upto 31.12.2021; \*\* Data upto 31.12.2023; \*\*\* Data upto 31.12.2024

## Annexure-II

**Number of Emigration Clearances granted to Nurses for overseas employment State/UT-wise and year-wise in the last three years**

| S. No. | State/Year        | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|--------|-------------------|------|------|------|
| 1.     | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | -    | 2    | -    |
| 2.     | ANDHRA PRADESH    | 225  | 195  | 149  |
| 3.     | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 1    | 3    | 4    |
| 4.     | ASSAM             | 1    | 2    | 7    |
| 5.     | BIHAR             | 5    | 6    | 15   |
| 6.     | CHANDIGARH        | 1    | 2    | 2    |
| 7.     | CHHATTISGARH      | 3    | 5    | 7    |
| 8.     | DAMAN & DIU       | -    | 1    | -    |
| 9.     | DELHI             | 69   | 63   | 47   |
| 10.    | GOA               | 2    | 6    | 7    |
| 11.    | GUJARAT           | 15   | 15   | 17   |
| 12.    | HARYANA           | 21   | 10   | 16   |
| 13.    | HIMACHAL PRADESH  | 7    | 5    | 8    |
| 14.    | JAMMU & KASHMIR   | 354  | 474  | 487  |
| 15.    | JHARKHAND         | 6    | 7    | 7    |
| 16.    | KARNATAKA         | 625  | 610  | 610  |
| 17.    | KERALA            | 9980 | 8572 | 6393 |
| 18.    | LADAKH            | -    | -    | 1    |
| 19.    | LAKSHADWEEP       | 2    | 1    | 4    |
| 20.    | MADHYA PRADESH    | 19   | 13   | 19   |
| 21.    | MAHARASHTRA       | 216  | 256  | 199  |
| 22.    | MANIPUR           | 19   | 29   | 28   |
| 23.    | MEGHALAYA         | 3    | 3    | 9    |
| 24.    | MIZORAM           | -    | 1    | 1    |
| 25.    | NAGALAND          | -    | -    | -    |
| 26.    | ODISHA            | 5    | 4    | 3    |
| 27.    | PUDUCHERRY        | 115  | 121  | 99   |
| 28.    | PUNJAB            | 11   | 9    | 18   |
| 29.    | RAJASTHAN         | 129  | 141  | 122  |
| 30.    | SIKKIM            | 1    | 3    | 4    |
| 31.    | TAMIL NADU        | 4436 | 3736 | 3036 |
| 32.    | TELANGANA         | 194  | 140  | 94   |
| 33.    | TRIPURA           | 6    | 7    | 9    |
| 34.    | UTTAR PRADESH     | 101  | 104  | 99   |
| 35.    | UTTARAKHAND       | 5    | 9    | 12   |
| 36.    | WEST BENGAL       | 17   | 29   | 48   |

Source: Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)

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