

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1836  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016**

**SHORTAGE OF PSYCHOLOGY COUNSELLOR**

**1836. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:**

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

- (a) whether the post of psychology counsellor has not been filled in many hospitals for a long period, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note that staff nurses have been working as counsellors in the said hospitals despite being ineligible for the post, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is acute shortage of staff nurses in the hospitals for a long period, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill posts of counsellors and staff nurses in the hospitals?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) to (d):- Health is a State subject and no such information is maintained centrally. As far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals are concerned, there is no such sanctioned post in these hospitals.

As far as shortage of Staff Nurses is concerned, a number of posts of Nurses in these hospitals are lying vacant on account of retirement, resignation and other administrative reasons. However, this Ministry has approved filling of 743 posts of Nurses on contract basis for a period of 6 months or till appointment made on regular basis, whichever is earlier, as per details given below:-

<b>Safdarjung Hospital</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Dr. RML Hospital</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Lady Hardinge Medical and Smt. Suchetga Kriplani Hospital</b>	<b>266</b>
<b>Kalawati Saran Children Hospital</b>	<b>64</b>