

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4027
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2016**

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN CGHS DISPENSARIES

**4027. SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:**

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

- (a) whether there is a huge shortage of doctors in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensaries, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the time by which the Government is likely to recruit more doctors;
- (c) the time by which the Government is likely to provide round the clock emergency medical facility in all the CGHS dispensaries; and
- (d) the time by which diagnostic laboratories are likely to be provided in CGHS dispensaries along with the details thereof?

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

(a): There is some shortage of doctors in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS).
Reasons for shortage of doctors in CGHS are as under:

- (i) Accrual of vacancies due to transfer / superannuation / death etc.
- (ii) Low rate of joining of Medical officers.
- (iii) High attrition rate among Medical officers.

(b): Selection and joining of doctors is a continuous process, it is not possible to indicate any specific time frame in this regard.

(c): There is no such proposal. Government has already empanelled large number of private hospitals under CGHS and CGHS Beneficiaries can directly go to any of the private empanelled/private non-empanelled /government hospitals under medical emergency.

(d): There is no proposal at present to provide diagnostic laboratories in all CGHS Wellness Centres.