

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,  
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 216  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**BRIDGE COURSE FOR AYUSH DOCTORS AND PROFESSIONALS**

**216. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:**

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposal/recommendation to allow AYUSH doctors and other professionals to prescribe allopathic medicines after a bridge course;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the primary health centres are not sufficient to cater to the demands of the population and 30 per cent shortfall in doctors add to the problem; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,  
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) & (b): Yes. Central Government has received a proposal from National Integrated Medical Association (NIMA) regarding right of Indian System of Medicine (ISM) doctors to practice their respective system of medicines along with Modern scientific system of medicine known as Allopathy.

(c) & (d): As per Rural Health Statistics (RHS) 2017, there is shortage of Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and doctors in public health facilities.

State/UT-wise details of doctors at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are furnished at **Annexure.**

Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the provision of healthcare services is the primary responsibility of respective State/UT Governments, including establishment of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and engagement of doctors in public health facilities. Further, all administrative and personnel matters of health human resources, including appointments, fall within the purview of respective State/UT Governments. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), technical and financial support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their health systems including support for establishment of PHCs and engagement of doctors on contractual basis, based on the proposals made by them in their Programme Implementation Plans under NHM within their overall Resource Envelope.

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## Annexure

## Status of doctors at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), State/UT-wise

DOCTORS <sup>+</sup> AT PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES						
S. No.	State/UT	(As on 31st March, 2017)				
		Required <sup>1</sup> [R]	Sanctioned [S]	In Position [P]	Vacant [S-P]	Shortfall [R-P]
1	Andhra Pradesh	1147	1952	1644	308	*
2	Arunachal Pradesh	143	NA	122	NA	21
3	Assam	1014	NA	1048	NA	*
4	Bihar #	1899	2078	1786	292	113
5	Chhattisgarh	785	798	341	457	444
6	Goa	24	48	56	*	*
7	Gujarat	1392	1769	1229	540	163
8	Haryana	366	687	429	258	*
9	Himachal Pradesh	538	636	492	144	46
10	Jammu & Kashmir	637	1347	704	643	*
11	Jharkhand	297	569	331	238	*
12	Karnataka	2359	2359	2136	223	223
13	Kerala	849	1120	1169	*	*
14	Madhya Pradesh	1171	1771	954	817	217
15	Maharashtra	1814	3009	2929	80	*
16	Manipur	85	238	194	44	*
17	Meghalaya ##	109	128	112	16	*
18	Mizoram ###	57	152	56	96	1
19	Nagaland	126	108	122	*	4
20	Odisha	1280	1285	940	345	340
21	Punjab	432	593	568	25	*
22	Rajasthan	2079	2664	2382	282	*
23	Sikkim	24	NA	30	NA	*
24	Tamil Nadu	1362	2927	2759	168	*
25	Telangana	689	1318	966	352	*
26	Tripura	93	0	156	*	*
27	Uttarakhand	257	386	215	171	42
28	Uttar Pradesh	3621	4509	2209	2300	1412
29	West Bengal	914	1390	918	472	*
30	A& N Islands	22	42	34	8	*
31	Chandigarh	3	0	3	*	0
32	D & N Haveli	9	15	8	7	1
33	Daman & Diu	4	3	7	*	*
34	Delhi	5	21	21	0	*
35	Lakshadweep	4	8	8	0	*
36	Puducherry	40	38	46	*	*
	<b>All India<sup>2</sup>/ Total</b>	<b>25650</b>	<b>33968</b>	<b>27124</b>	<b>8286</b>	<b>3027</b>

Notes: # Sanctioned data for year 2011 used

## Sanctioned data for year 2015 used

### Sanctioned data for year 2013-14 used

NA: Not Available.

+: Allopathic Doctors

All India figures for Vacancy and Shortfall are the totals of State-wise Vacancy and Shortfall ignoring surplus in some States / UTs

\*: Surplus.

<sup>1</sup> One per Primary Health Centre

<sup>2</sup> For calculating the overall percentages of vacancy, the States/UTs for which manpower position is not available, are excluded

