

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1380
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2018**

DIALYSIS FACILITY TO PATIENTS

1380. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

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

- (a) the number of Government and Private Hospitals in the country that have the facility to provide dialysis to its patients;
- (b) whether there is severe shortage of Nephrologists in the country particularly in the Government sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to overcome the shortage of Nephrologists particularly in the Government Hospitals?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): Data regarding private hospitals that have facility to provide dialysis services is not maintained at central level. As per information uploaded by respective States/ UTs on the portal, the dialysis services are available in 533 Government health facilities in States/UTs.
- (b): There is shortage of nephrologists in the country. However, the data related to number of Nephrologists in the country is not maintained at central level.
- (c): In order to meet the shortage of doctors/ specialists in the country, the Government has already taken a number of steps which include:
 - i. Relaxation in the norms for setting up of medical college in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/ bed strength and other infrastructure.
 - ii. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/ extension/ re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges from 65-70 years.
 - iii. Financial support to State medical colleges, under the scheme of “Strengthening and Upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges” to increase postgraduate seats in various disciplines or to start new postgraduate medical courses.
 - iv. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
 - v. The ratio of teachers to students has been revised from 1:1 to 1:2 for all MD/MS disciplines.
 - vi. Post graduate and Graduate medical degrees, when both degrees are obtained from five English speaking countries (US, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand) have been recognized in India. Similarly, PG degrees of these five countries are also recognized.