

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4331
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

CENTRAL HOSPITAL OF REGIONAL RAILWAYS

†4331. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of central hospitals of regional railways functioning in the country at present;**
- (b) whether doctors are available in every department of the said railway hospitals;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to fill up vacancies at the earliest?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) There are 16 Central Hospitals at Zonal Railways functioning in the country.**
- (b) to (d) As regards availability of doctors in Railway Hospitals, Indian Railway Medical Service (IRMS) cadre consists of only General Duty Medical Officers. Specialist Doctors recruited through the cadre are being best utilized for providing specialized medical care to the railway beneficiaries. The vacancies, wherever arisen, are regularly filled up by recruitment through Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) or by deployment of Contract Medical Practitioners (CMPs) on annual contract basis. For filling up short term vacancies of specialists, doctors are also engaged as Honorary Visiting Specialists (HVSs) and by calling consultants on case to case basis. Further, because of increase in superannuation age of doctors from 60 to 65 years, there has been a marked improvement in availability of doctors in Railways.**
