

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6480
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2018**

NON-AVAILABILITY OF LADY DOCTORS

6480. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

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

- (a) whether the major drawback in the implementation of family welfare programme is shortage of skilled and dedicated health workers at the sub-centre level followed by non-availability of a lady doctors at the PHC level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to recruit the lady doctors in PHCs?

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

(a) to (c): 'Public health and hospitals' is a State subject. Shortage of skilled and dedicated health workers at the sub-centre level and availability of lady doctors at the PHC level varies from State to State depending upon their policies and context. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems, inter-alia support for recruitment/ engagement of skilled and dedicated health workers including lady doctors on contractual basis, based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

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