

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 665
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th JULY, 2018**

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN CGHS

665. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

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

- (a) the number of doctors working in CGHS Dispensaries in the country, State/ UT-wise particularly in Delhi;
- (b) whether there is an acute shortage of doctors in the CGHS dispensaries, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the CGHS dispensaries disburse only generic/substandard medicines available in the store and not indented good quality of medicines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to address the shortage of doctors in CGHS dispensaries and also make available quality medicines?

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

- (a): The number of Doctors working in CGHS Dispensaries in the country is shown at Annexure.
- (b): No; there is no acute shortage of doctors.
- (c): No; CGHS dispensaries disburse good quality generic, branded-generic medicines as well as patented medicines.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): Following steps have been taken by the Government to address the shortage of doctors in CGHS dispensaries and also make available quality medicines:-
 - ò In order to encourage more doctors to join CGHS, posting of Doctors is normally being made after due consideration of their residence/domicile.
 - ò Promotion upto the SAG level has been made time bound under the Dynamic Assured Career Scheme.
 - ò The retirement age of CHS Doctors has recently been enhanced upto 65 years.

- ò Retired doctors are engaged on contract basis against vacant posts of regular doctors as an interim measure.
- ò CGHS receives bulk supply of medicines only after pre-testing of two samples of every batch for quality. It is done by identified National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited laboratories.
- ò Random checking of medicines is done by CGHS to ensure quality.

**STATEMENT SHOWING NUMBER OF MEDICAL OFFICERS WORKING IN CGHS
DISPENSARIES IN THE COUNTRY AS ON 30TH JUNE, 2018**

SI. No.	CGHS City	Total No. of Doctors working
1	Ahmedabad + Gandhi Nagar	16
2	Allahabad	18
3	Bangalore	54
4	Bhopal + Indore	06
5	Chandigarh	07
6	Chennai + Puducherry	58
7	Delhi	853
8	Hyderabad + Visakhapatnam	96
9	Jaipur	39
10	Kanpur	33
11	Kolkata	84
12	Lucknow	49
13	Meerut	23
14	Mumbai	89
15	Nagpur	45
16	Patna	29
17	Pune	45
18	Bhubaneshwar	08
19	Ranchi	09
20	Dehradun	07
21	Guhawati	09
22	Jabalpur	07
23	Shillong	04
24	Trivandrum	13
25	Jammu	02
26	Shimla	02
27	Agartala	01
28	Imphal	01
29	Kohima	01
30	Gangtok	01
31	Aizwal	01
32	Raipur	01
33	Panaji	01
	Total	1612