

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 692
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2018**

RECRUITMENT OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

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

- (a) the number of physiotherapists employed in the Ministry including allied offices and autonomous organizations;
- (b) the details of recruitment rules for physiotherapists in the said organizations;
- (c) whether uniform recruitment rules and procedures are being adopted for the said recruitments, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the recommendations of Seventh Pay Commission with respect to physiotherapists and the pay scale given by the Ministry at the entry level at present?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia(RML) Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals(LHMC) are concerned, the total sanctioned strength/in-position of Physiotherapist Cadre is as under:

Hospital		Sanctioned Strength	In-position
Safdarjung Hospital		44	29
Dr. RML Hospital		14	14
LHMC	KSCH	06	05
	SSKH	01	-

As far as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi is concerned, there are 62 incumbents in position in the cadre of Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy as against a combined sanctioned strength of 80. Further, National Institute of Tuberculosis & Respiratory Diseases (NITRD), New Delhi has informed that there is only one (1) physiotherapist in this Institute.

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(b) & (c): The major uniform fields in the Recruitment Rules (RR's) for the post of 'Physiotherapist' which is a General Central Service, Group B, Non-Gazetted/Non-Ministerial in Central government hospitals like Safdarjung hospital and Dr. RML hospital are as under:-

- **Method of Recruitment:** Direct Recruitment.
- **Essential qualification:**
Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy from a recognised University. Two years practical experience in Physiotherapy from a Government Hospital or Private hospital with at least 100 beds.
- **Period of Probation:** Two years

So far as Kalawati Saran Children Hospital (KSCH) is concerned, as per the RR, the post of physiotherapist is a Group-'C' post and the required education qualification is either Degree or Diploma.

(d): The Seventh Central Pay Commission (7th CPC) in its report has noted that Physiotherapy is an important field and that there is a need to attract talented professionals to this critical healthcare segment and has recommended replacement pay levels for Physiotherapist. The Commission further observed that the entry level qualification for Physiotherapist has been revised by the Government recently from existing Diploma in Physiotherapists to bachelor Degree in Physiotherapy with two years practical experience with a desirable qualification of Masters in Physiotherapy. In this backdrop, the Commission has recommended that the administrative Ministry should undertake a holistic cadre restructuring of physiotherapist.

The entry level pay scale of 'Physiotherapist' working in Central Government Hospitals i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Kalawati Saran Children Hospital (KSCH) and AIIMS, New Delhi is Rs. 35,400-1,12,400(Level-6) as per 7th CPC.

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