

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1740  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**SHORTAGE OF TRAINED NURSING AND MEDICAL STAFF**

**1740: MS. CHANDRANI MURMU:**

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

- (a) whether there are sufficient number of trained nursing and medical staff available in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of sanctioned nursing posts in the Government health centres and hospitals in Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts of Odisha and the positions lying vacant as on date; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken to revamp the medical facilities in both the districts?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(Dr. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c): As informed by Indian Nursing Council (INC), there are 35.14 lakh Nursing personnels in the country giving a nurse to population ratio of 2.06 nurses per 1000 population. There are 5324 Nursing Institutions including 722 government institutes in the country. As informed by National Medical Commission there are 13.08 lakh allopathic doctors registered with the State Medical Councils and National Medical Commission. Assuming 80% availability of registered allopathic doctors and 5.65 lakh AYUSH doctors, the doctor to population ratio in the country is 1:834.

District-wise data related to the government healthcare centres are not maintained centrally, however as informed by the Odisha state, the number of sanctioned as well as vacant nursing posts in the Government health centres and hospitals in Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts is as below:

Sr. No.	Name of the District	Sanction strength	In position	Vacancy
1	Keonjhar	587	418	169
2	Mayurbhanj	766	560	206
3	Govt. Medical College, Keonjhar *	321	--	321
4	Govt. Medical College, Baripada	321	222	99

\* Non-functional

The primary responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system including ensuring availability of doctors and other medical staff in public healthcare facilities in State/UT's lies with the respective State Government.

The central government augments the efforts of the state governments through various schemes. Under the centrally sponsored scheme for the establishment of ANM/GNM schools, an amount of Rs 3.37 Cr each was released to both Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj districts of Odisha for the establishment of GNM schools. Under the scheme 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals' 07 medical colleges were approved in Odisha, out of which one medical college was approved at Baripada (Mayurbhanj) district and the college is functional.

Under National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to the State/UT's to strengthen their health care system based on the proposal received from the States so as to provide universal access to equitable, affordable and quality health care services all over the country.

The states are also encouraged to adopt flexible norms for engaging doctors and specialist for public healthcare facilities. These include 'contracting in' and 'contracting out' of specialist services and engaging specialist outside the government system for service delivery at public facilities under NHM.

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