

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1892
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019**

SHORTAGE OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

1892. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

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

- (a) whether the country has sufficient healthcare professionals;
- (b) if not, the details of the shortage of healthcare professionals in the country, State-wise and the efforts being made to get sufficient number of healthcare professionals;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is neither regulation nor standards of education, training and services of healthcare professionals such as physiotherapists, nutritionists, lab technologists, etc., if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether there are any plans with the Ministry to bring in legislation to regulate healthcare professionals which also helps to provide employment opportunities to them in other countries and if so, the details thereof ?

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

(a)& (b): Yes. The problem is more of skewed distribution, with dense concentration of workforce in some areas and lesser concentration in other areas causing challenges in delivery of the services in certain areas.

(c)&(d): In so far as Allied and Healthcare Professionals are concerned, there is no Central Council for such Professionals as of now. In **the absence of any central regulatory body for these Professionals, this** Ministry has taken an initiative for formation of Central Council of Allied and Healthcare Professions. Accordingly, the Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2018 was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 31.12.2018. The Bill is for maintaining standards of education and practice through the constitution of Central and corresponding State Councils for more than 50 Allied and Healthcare Professions including Physiotherapists, Nutritionists, Lab Technologists, etc.

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