

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4334  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**IRREGULARITIES IN HOSPITALS**

**4334. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 60 per cent of the PHCs have only one doctor and 5 per cent have none, if so, the details with reasons thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that most of the patients utilizing the Government hospital facilities are forced to pay for some of the medicines which they are supposed to get free of cost, if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the nexus between the hospital staff and the medicine suppliers is creating this artificial shortage of medicines due to which the needy patients are suffering, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps the Government has taken to ensure that the nexus between the hospital staff and the medicine suppliers is eliminated and the patients are able to get the medicines free of cost?

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

(a): As per Rural Health Statistics (RHS) – 2018, State/UT wise details of PHCs with doctors and without doctor, is Annexed.

Public Health and Hospitals being a State Subject, all the administrative and personnel matters, including that of recruitment of doctors at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), lies with the State Governments. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for recruitment of doctors on contractual basis, based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

(b) to (d): As stated above, the Public Health and Hospitals being a State Subject, the primary responsibility of providing free essential drugs to all patients visiting public health facilities lies with the respective State/UT Governments. However, to ensure availability of free essential drugs at public health facilities, Government has rolled out Free Drugs Service Initiative (FDSI) under NHM. Under this initiative, financial support is also provided for setting up robust systems of procurement, quality assurance, logistics & IT infrastructure for improved supply chain management besides having facility level wise Essential Medical List (EML), Standard Treatment Guidelines, systems of prescription audit and grievance redressal to ensure rational drug use.

PHCs WITH DOCTORS AND WITHOUT DOCTOR							
S. No.	State/UT	(As on 31st March, 2018)					
		Total PHCs functioning	Number of PHCs functioning				
			with 4+ doctors	with 3 doctors	with 2 doctors	with 1 doctor	without doctor
1	Andhra Pradesh	1147	11	31	476	629	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	143	3	4	24	94	18
3	Assam	946	171	149	360	266	0
4	Bihar	1899	439	41	56	1363	0
5	Chhattisgarh	793	0	18	129	351	295
6	Goa	25	13	6	4	2	0
7	Gujarat	1474	0	0	578	796	100
8	Haryana	368	8	28	143	152	37
9	Himachal Pradesh	576	0	4	62	403	107
10	Jammu & Kashmir	637	61	86	159	191	140
11	Jharkhand	298	1	1	42	150	104
12	Karnataka	2359	0	14	169	1973	203
13	Kerala	849	1	110	47	694	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	1171	25	71	309	614	152
15	Maharashtra	1823	0	93	1340	364	26
16	Manipur	91	71	16	9	5	0
17	Meghalaya	108	0	13	48	46	1
18	Mizoram	57	0	0	7	46	4
19	Nagaland	126	0	0	25	87	18
20	Odisha	1288	0	2	578	585	110
21	Punjab	432	14	19	121	240	38
22	Rajasthan	2078	1	9	287	1773	8
23	Sikkim	24	0	0	4	20	0
24	Tamil Nadu	1421	262	23	1022	114	0
25	Telangana	643	14	38	251	340	0
26	Tripura	108	15	23	52	18	0
27	Uttarakhand	257	4	19	55	100	48
28	Uttar Pradesh	3621	26	88	735	2772	0
29	West Bengal	913	3	33	204	588	85
30	A& N Islands	22	3	5	6	8	0
31	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	D & N Haveli	9	0	0	9	0	0
33	Daman & Diu	4	0	1	2	1	0
34	Delhi	5	1	2	1	1	0
35	Lakshadweep	4	2	0	2	0	0
36	Puducherry	24	1	7	5	11	0
	All India <sup>1/</sup> Total	25743	1150	954	7321	14797	1494

Note: NA: Not Available.

<sup>1</sup> For calculating the overall percentages, the States/UTs for which manpower position is not available, are excluded