

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1068
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

SHORTCOMINGS IN HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

**1068. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:
SHRI T.R. BAALU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government on account of COVID-19 pandemic has been able to identify specific shortcomings in infrastructure and human resources in public health system of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such shortfalls identified;
- (c) the immediate and long term measures the Government proposes to undertake to tide over these shortfalls;
- (d) whether the Government has taken measures to enlist second and third year postgraduate students, interns, dental surgeons and AYUSH officers particularly roping young doctors in place of doctors with co-morbid conditions, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is planning to recommend cash incentives and commendation certificates, in the Covid-19 scenario, in addition to the facilities already being provided to healthcare workers like insurance, quarantine facilities and to provide them support for their future endeavors and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c) Government of India took a series of actions to manage COVID-19 Pandemic in a pre-emptive, pro-active, graded manner based on the evolving scenario. This included capacity building for human resource and health infrastructure. Government of India formed 11 empowered groups. Empowered Group II was mandated for infrastructure development, Group III for medical equipment, and Group IV for augmenting human resource and capacity building. For appropriate management of COVID-19 cases, a three tier arrangement of health facilities [(i) COVID Care Center with isolation beds for mild or pre-symptomatic cases; (ii) Dedicated COVID Health Centre (DCHC) with oxygen supported isolation beds for moderate cases and

(iii) Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH) with ICU beds for severe cases] has been implemented. The details of hospital infrastructure for managing COVID cases in the country are given in Annexure. To build the capacities of human resources including the medical manpower who help managing patients in hospitals; as well as non-medical personnel and field workers involved in surveillance, logistics etc., modules have been made available on iGOT - Diksha (online platform) by DOPT (<https://igot.gov.in/igot/>). The training modules have been translated to regional languages. Close to 29.15 lakh people have registered for various courses. This includes 5,699 doctors, 86,018 Ayush Professionals, 4,102 Nurses, 963 Allied Health Professionals, 5,881 frontline workers, 2,70,736 volunteers and 25,42,892 other participants. About 18.96 lakh course completions have taken place on iGOT – Diksha platform. Training Resources for medical and non-medical personnel have also been made available on the website of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(d) As intimated by the Board of Governors In Supersession of Medical Council of India, second and third year PG students pursuing MD/MS programmes in a Medical Colleges being duly registered doctors, their services can be used by the Medical College. Interns are only provisionally registered and hence, they can work only under supervision of a faculty member in a medical college hospital. Further, Ministry of Ayush has intimated that a number of AYUSH Personnel, who underwent training in “COVID-19 Preparedness, Response and Containment”, have been deployed in fight against Covid-19 by various State/UTs Governments.

(e) Public health and hospitals being a State subject, it is upto the States/UTs to consider taking appropriate decision in the matter. However, some hospitals like Safdarjung Hospital, have informed that Commendation certificates are issued by them to the health care workers who were involved in Covid-19 patient care management.

Annexure**Details of COVID -19 hospital infrastructure (as on 14th September, 2020)**

Category	No of Facilities	Total Isolation beds	O2 Supported beds	Total ICU beds	No of Ventilators
Cat. I - Dedicated COVID Hospitals / DCH	1821	274384	136737	40483	22698
Cat. II - Dedicated COVID Health Center / DCHC	3990	248219	95139	22496	10164
Total	5811	522603	231876	62979	32862
Cat. III - Dedicated COVID Center / DCCC	9561	1027328	NA	NA	NA
Grand Total	15372	1549931	231876	62979	32862