

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4679
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2025**

ALLIED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

4679. SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:

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

- (a) the details regarding the steps undertaken to upskill nurses and Allied Healthcare Professionals (AHPs) including caregivers, therapists, social health activists, and technicians;
- (b) the number of individuals trained under these initiatives during the last five years, year-wise and State/district-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans/initiatives to undertake multi skilling of Doctors especially in Community Health Centres (CHCs) in rural areas facing shortage of specialists;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken especially in Konaseema district and if not, reasons therefor;
- (e) the number of doctors who have undergone multi-skilling during the last five years, year-wise, speciality-wise and State/district-wise in Andhra Pradesh especially in Konaseema district; and
- (f) whether the Government has established plans to establish dedicated training centres or programs in Andhra Pradesh to support the upskilling, reskilling and multi-skilling of Healthcare professionals in the State and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b) : The Government is focused to ensure quality nursing workforce with substantial increase in their numbers. In order to improve the quality of nursing education and Services, the Government of India funds a Central Sector Scheme of Development of Nursing Services with 100% funding pattern, for implementation in the States. The Scheme envisages the training of Nurses in the field of specialization, in-service training,

infrastructure development by way of strengthening of Schools and upgrading of schools of nursing to Colleges of Nursing.

Central Government has also undertaken a landmark step to streamline the Allied and Healthcare Professions by establishing a Central regulator in the form of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession with the objective of standardizing course content and pedagogy nation-wide, promoting quality standards of education, curbing the mushrooming of low quality institutes in this space ensuring quality allied and healthcare services to the nation.

(c) to (e): Public Health and Hospitals is a State Subject and the responsibility for strengthening of healthcare system including human resources lies with respective State/UT Governments. However, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India provides financial and technical support to the States/UTs. Under National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems based on the Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) submitted by the States/UTs within their overall resource envelope.

In order to address of human resources (HR), under NHM, various types of incentives and honorarium such as Hard area allowance, Honorarium to Gynecologists/ Emergency Obstetric Care (EmoC) trained, Pediatricians & Anesthetist/ Life Saving Anaesthesia Skills (LSAS) trained doctors and special incentives for doctors & ANM are provided for encouraging them under NHM.

(f): There are five (5) skill labs in Andhra Pradesh under National Emergency Life Support program.
