

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 865  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025**

**SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS**

**865 SHRI ISHA KHAN CHOUDHURY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that hospitals in the country have been facing extreme staff shortages for many years and that hospitals are currently operating with less than one-third of its original staff of 12 permanent doctors and 12 permanent nurses with only 2 permanent doctors and 2 permanent nurses, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to restart the operation theater which is not functioning due to the absence of a surgeon, gynecologist and radiologist;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to restore USG and ECG services as there are no specialists available to operate these machines;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to replace and repair damaged medical equipment and the X-ray machine that requires urgent repair or replacement; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to restore Lab Services as there is no lab technician available for which diagnostic services at the hospital has been severely hampered?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

**(a) to (e)** 'Public Health' & 'Hospitals' being State subjects, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to make efforts for availability of adequate staff, functionality of diagnostic services and maintenance of medical equipment in Hospitals.

As far as Central Government Hospitals i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals and Rural Health Training Centre, Najafgarh are concerned, the status of sanctioned strength, filled posts and vacant posts of doctors and nurses is at Annexure.

Further, availability of staff for maintenance of healthcare services in these hospitals is a continuous process to meet functional requirements. Operation theaters, USG & ECG services and Lab services in these hospitals are functional as per their requirements. Medical equipment and X-ray machines are under Annual Maintenance Contract with the authorised agents of the concerned manufacturer, who repair non-functional machine as per service agreement.

**ANNEXURE**

Details of sanctioned strength, filled posts and vacant posts of Doctors and Nurses

<b>Name of Hospital</b>	<b>Doctors</b>			<b>Nurses</b>		
	<b>Sanctioned</b>	<b>Filled</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Sanctioned</b>	<b>Filled</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi	631	459	172 (51 filled on contract)	2548	2244	304 (234 filled on contract)
Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals, New Delhi	383	294	89	1,182	1,003	179
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi	412	312	100	1559	1460	99
Rural Health Training Centre, Najafgarh	46	26	20 (3 outsourced)	46	5	41 (14 outsourced)