

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2414  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2016**

**SHORTAGE OF FEMALE DOCTORS**

**2414. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:  
SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:**

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of female doctors in Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and district hospitals in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UTs- wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government have chalked out any plan to increase the percentage of female doctors in rural areas of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d): Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide health care services to the citizens lies with State/UT Governments, including recruitment and deployment of female doctors. However, technical and financial support is provided to States/UTs under National Health Mission (NHM) to strengthen their healthcare system, including support for health human resource including doctors (male and female), based on the proposals submitted by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans.

Public health being a State subject, no central database is maintained regarding shortage of female doctors in PHCs/CHCs and DHs in various parts of the country.