

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.666
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2016**

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) the number of registered doctors and other medical and para-medical professionals in the country, State/UTwise along with the ratio of doctors in rural and urban areas of the country;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of doctors/specialists and surgeons of various streams across the country, if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the doctors/specialists/ surgeons avoid themselves being posted in rural areas;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government to ensure the sufficient number of doctors in the rural areas;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of doctors in the country particularly in rural areas; and
- (f) if so, the details of the schemes launched/steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a): As per information provided by respective regulatory bodies, 9,59,198 doctors 7,89,796 Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM), 17,93,337 Registered Nurse & Registered Midwives (RN&RM) and 6,74,782 Pharmacists are registered in the country. No such data for Allied Health is maintained centrally. State/UT wise details are at Annexure.

(b): The Government is aware that there is shortage of doctors, particularly specialists in the country. Health being a State subject, no such data is maintained Centrally. A number of measures have been taken in order to meet the shortage of doctors in the country; these include:

- I. The ratio of teachers to students has been revised from 1:1 to 1:2 for all MD/MS disciplines and 1:1 to 1:3 in subjects of Anaesthesiology, Forensic Medicine, Radiotherapy, Medical Oncology, Surgical Oncology and Psychiatry.
- II. DNB qualification has been recognized for appointment as faculty to take care of shortage of faculty.
- III. Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.
- IV. Enhancement of age limit for appointment/extension/re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges from 65-70 years.
- V. Relaxation in the norms for setting up of a medical college in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/ bed strength and other infrastructure.
- VI. Strengthening/upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new PG courses/Increase of PG seats.
- VII. Establishment of New Medical Colleges by upgrading district/referral hospitals preferably in underserved districts of the country.
- VIII. Strengthening/upgradation of State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS seats.

(c) to (f): Following amendments have been carried out in Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations to encourage doctors to serve in the rural areas vide notifications dated 19.11.2009 and 27.02.2012 respectively:

- (i) Incentive at the rate of 10% the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses; and
- (ii) 50% of the seats in Post Graduate Diploma Courses shall be reserved for Medical Officers in the Government service, who has served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas. After acquiring the PG Diploma, the Medical Officers shall serve for two more years in remote and/or difficult areas.

Further, under NHM, financial incentive is also provided to MBBS as well as PG doctors for serving in the rural areas. These incentives are over and above the salaries of the doctors concerned.

Annexure**State wise details of available health care professionals in the Country**

Sl. No.	State	Registered Doctors	Registered ANM	Registered RN & RM	Registered Pharmacists
1	Andhra Pradesh	70799	134694	210000	43958
2	Arunachal Pradesh	610	641	510	279
3	Assam	21480	24043	18506	2715
4	Bihar	38260	8624	9413	4163
5	Chhattisgarh	6115	8018	7851	9713
6	Delhi	10932	3720	50197	25030
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	--	--	--	91
8	Damn & Diu	--	--	--	52
9	Goa	3318	--	--	466
10	Gujarat	53954	40694	99125	32030
11	Haryana	5717	22850	28356	8757
12	Himachal Pradesh	2035	11448	15424	2818
13	Jammu & Kashmir	13393	--	--	--
14	Jharkhand	4475	4071	2355	--
15	Karnataka	101273	54039	231643	79508
16	Kerala	45772	29710	215708	25481
17	Lakshadweep	--	--	--	3082
18	Madhya Pradesh	31043	37199	108855	1381
19	Maharashtra	153513	51456	106155	156315
20	Manipur	--	3220	5503	--
21	Meghalaya	--	1066	3235	619
22	Mizoram	--	1932	2973	330
23	Nagaland	111	--	--	1553
24	Orissa	19188	59281	75358	14312
25	Puducherry	--	--	--	2493
26	Punjab	42013	23029	76680	41533
27	Rajasthan	35168	107673	186821	38156
28	Sikkim	864	--	--	--
29	Tamil Nadu	111325	55975	236161	58466
30	Tripura	--	2040	2259	257
31	Uttar Pradesh	65343	43488	42612	30276
32	Uttarakhand	5693	1864	1513	1318
33	West Bengal	64138	59021	56124	89630
34	Medical Council of India	52666	--	--	--
	TOTAL	959198	789796	1793337	674782

