

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2216
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH MAY, 2016

SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL OFFICERS IN ECHS POLYCLINICS

2216. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- whether there is a shortage of Medical officers, specialists, nurses and paramedical staff in various Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) polyclinics and the Armed forces medical facilities;
- if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage;
- whether all the posts of doctors and paramedical / non-medical staff reserved for Ex-servicemen have been filled;
- if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Authorized and in position strength of Medical Officers, Specialists and Para-Medical staff (which also includes Nursing Assistants) in Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Polyclinics is as under:

S. No.	Category	Authorised	In Position
(i)	Medical Specialists	322	168
(ii)	Medical Officers	953	700
(iii)	Para Medical Staff	2523	1872

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2. To ameliorate the situation, the remuneration of Officer-in-Charge Polyclinic, Specialist, Medical Officer, Dental Officer and Para-medical staff has been increased.

3. Primarily, Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) cater to entitled serving personnel and their dependents if there is spare capacity to treat in AFMS, then members of ECHS are provided treatment with requisite facilities.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. The reasons for non filling of posts of Doctors and Para-Medical / Non-Medical staff reserved for Ex-Servicemen are as under:-

- (i) Ex-Servicemen (ESM) not applying for the Medical Officers / Specialists and Para-Medical / Non-Medical posts of ECHS Polyclinics due to low remuneration.
- (ii) Non availability of suitable ESM in certain places.
- (iii) Resignations due to various reasons.
- (iv) Staff is employed on contract basis for a period of two years at the maximum, subject to review of their conduct and performance after eleven months and recruitment process is time consuming.

(e) Wide publicity is being given to fill up the vacancies through Army Placement Agency, Kendriya Sainik Board / Rajya Sainik Board / Zila Sainik Board, Directorate General of Resettlement and advertisements through National / Regional Newspapers, ECHS website etc.
