

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

STARRED QUESTION NO.291

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH AUGUST, 2016

SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN ECHS POLYCLINICS

*291. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether there is any shortage of doctors in various polyclinics under the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaints in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to fill up vacant posts of doctors under ECHS?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 291 FOR ANSWER ON 5.8.2016

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. There is shortage of 339 Doctors, including 46 Dental Officers, against 1745 authorised doctors in ECHS Polyclinics. The details of shortage of Doctors are as follows:

S. No.	Category	Authorized	Held	Shortfall
(i)	Medical Officers	953	828	125
(II)	Dental Officers	470	424	46
(iii)	Medical Specialists	200	124	76
(iv)	Gynecologists	61	27	34
(v)	Radiologists	61	3	58
Total:		1745	1406	339

Non availability of doctors in remote areas is the main reason for shortage of Doctors in ECHS polyclinics & also shortage of certain category of specialists.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) To ameliorate the situation, remuneration of Medical Officers, Medical Specialists and Dental Officers has been increased w.e.f. 27.11.2015. Wide publicity through Army Placement Agencies / Kendriya Sainik Board / Rajya Sainik Board / Zila Sainik Board / Directorate General Resettlement / Advertisements in National / Regional newspapers and website of ECHS is being done at regular intervals to fill up the vacancies. Directorate of Indian Army Veterans has also been requested to furnish the names of retired AMC Doctors.
