

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
VACANT POSTS IN CHCS AND PHCS .

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

- (a) The number of Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that as per the recently released Rural Health Statistics in India, 2009, a large number of posts, particularly of specialists and paramedics are lying vacant;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) to what extent the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is helping in reducing the staff strength in PHCs and CHCs; and
- (e) what additional efforts Government is making to see that all vacancies are filled up?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) The statewise position on number of Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) functioning in the rural areas as per the information available in Rural Health Statistics in India 2009, updated upto March, 2009, is at Annexure A.

(b) to (c) A statement showing the statewise vacancy position of doctors and other personnel as per the information available in Rural Health Statistics in India 2009, is at Annexure B.

(d) & (e) Augmentation of humane resource is one of the thrust area under the National Rural Health Mission [NRHM]. Financial support is provided under NRHM for engagement of staff on contractual basis. Under NRHM, nearly, 8648 MBBS Doctors, 2,460 Specialists, 7,692 AYUSH Doctors, 26793 Staff Nurses, 46,660 ANMs and 3,143 Paramedics have been engaged by States on contractual basis.

Multi-skilling of doctors to overcome the shortage of specialists, provision of incentives to serve in rural areas, improved accommodation arrangements, measure to set up more medical colleges, GNM Schools, ANM Schools to produce more doctors and paramedics are also measure taken to bridge the gap in human resources.