

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) WHO's estimate for the prevalence of Tuberculosis in the country is three million as published in Global Tuberculosis Control 2010. Government of India does not have any separate estimate of TB Prevalence.

(c) and (d) A study conducted by Tuberculosis Research Centre, Chennai revealed that TB affects the most productive age group, and on an average 3 months of work time is lost if an adult has TB.

Comprehensive database on healthcare resources

1636. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to build an accurate and reliable database that provide information about key aspects of human resources in health, such as the number of different types of health workers and their general location, the number of doctors and nurses that emigrate, student capacity in public and private nursing institutions etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The preparation of a database providing details of requirement of human resources in health sector is part of the assessment done by regulatory authorities for health professions such as Medical Council of India, Indian Nursing Council of India etc. These regulatory authorities, from time to time, assess the requirement of human resources in health and make recommendations to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare which are implemented after due consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Appointment of AIIMS faculty members on contract basis

†1637. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the faculty members of AIIMS are working on contract basis;

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- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether faculty members of AIIMS have strongly opposed it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) Three posts in the Department of Neurology and two posts in the Department of ENT at the level of Assistant Professor have been filled on contract basis keeping in view acute shortage of faculty in these departments.

(c) and (d) AIIMS Faculty Association opposed it as a matter of principle. As per rules, faculty of AIIMS are entitled to proceed on long term assignments or fellowship abroad which necessitates filling up of such vacancies on contract/fixed term basis.

Shortfall of Hepatitis vaccines in Uttar Pradesh

1638. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that no vaccination camps were organized in Kanpur city on World Hepatitis Day due to non-availability of vaccine at Government hospital across the city;
- (b) if so, whether Government is in a position to provide sufficient amount of vaccines required for vaccination in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps proposes by Government to meet shortfall of vaccines in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) to (d) Under the National Immunization Programme, all vaccinations are carried out through fixed centres and through outreach sessions. No vaccination is carried out through camp approach.

Further under the Immunization Programme, Government of India provides vaccines for 6 vaccine preventable diseases. These are no reports of shortage of vaccines for these 6 vaccine preventable diseases. In addition Hepatitis B vaccine is currently provided in selected areas. There