

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) 29 posts of Homoeopathic doctors are lying vacant.

(b) Proposal to fill up the vacant posts of Medical Officer/Research Officer (Homoeopathy) has been sent to Union Public Service Commission on 22.05.2012. However, the proposal has been returned by them with certain queries.

(c) The post of Advisor (Homoeopathy) in AYUSH has been lying vacant since 1st September, 2008.

(d) As per Recruitment Rules, the post is to be filled up by promotion in consultation with Union Public Service Commission. Accordingly, the proposal to fill up this post has been sent to them on 05.07.2012.

(e) Some dispensaries are running with single doctor, however, when doctors are on leave proper care is taken to avoid inconvenience to the beneficiaries by deploying doctors from other dispensaries/units.

(f) Appointment of contractual doctors against vacant posts is made in CGHS till the regular doctors are appointed. Advertisement in this regard has been published in News paper on 9/8/2012.

**Central Assistance for A.P. for Urban Health Project**

525. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central assistance earmarked for the Urban Health Project to Andhra Pradesh (A.P.); and

(b) whether the amount earmarked for this year has been increased as compared to the Central assistance provided during the last financial year 2011-12?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) In 2012-13, an amount of Rs. 2941.53 lakh has been earmarked as Central assistance to Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) for activities of Urban RCH Programme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

(b) Yes. The amount earmarked for this year has been increased by Rs. 2188.21 lakh as compared to the Central assistance provided during the last financial year 2011-12 *i.e.* Rs.753.32 lakh.