

(c) whether Government would make specific provisions for these units for proper staffing and proper maintenance for cleaning and nursing orderly/peon etc.?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is no Ayurvedic Unit in Karol Bagh. Other units located in Devnagar, Delhi Cantt., Jungpura are adequately staffed.

(b) No. The CMOs In-charge are responsible for proper functioning of all wings of the CGHS Wellness Centres including Ayurvedic units. They are sensitized about it regularly.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration in this regard.

Gap in demand and supply of vaccines

†1001. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide gap between demand and supply of vaccines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any policy to reduce this gap; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) There are no reports of any gap between the demand and supply in the vaccine market in the country.

(c) and (d) National Vaccine Policy has been formulated which gives broad framework for ensuring vaccine security.

Shortage of doctors

†1002. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for a population of fifty thousand there is one doctor due to shortage of doctors in the country whereas as per global norms there should be one doctor for each five thousand person;

(b) whether it is also a fact that mortality rate is also very high in the country due to shortage of doctors; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government to meet the shortage and, if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The current doctor-population ratio in the country is estimated to be around 1:2000. Though, there are no specific standards/norms which prescribes doctor-population ratio, the High Level Expert Group on Universal Health Coverage for India constituted by the Planning Commission in its report, has *inter-alia* recommended increase of availability of doctors to 1:1000 population.

(b) There are various factors, including shortage of doctors, which impact the mortality rate in the country. The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) have declined over the past few years. IMR has come down from 58 per 1000 live births in the year 2005 to 47 per 1000 live births in the year 2010. Similarly, MMR has also come down from 254 per lakh live births in 2004-06 to 212 per lakh live births in 2007-09.

(c) The Government has already taken a large number of steps to address shortage of doctors, specialists and faculty in the country which include:-

- (i) Relaxation in the norms for setting up of a medical college in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/bed strength and other infrastructure.
- (ii) Relaxation in teacher-student ratio to increase the seats at Postgraduate level.
- (iii) Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.
- (iv) Enhancement of age limit for appointment/extension/re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/director in medical colleges from 65 to 70 years.
- (v) Financial support to State medical colleges, under the scheme of "Strengthening and Upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges", to increase postgraduate seats in various disciplines or to start new postgraduate medical courses
- (vi) Financial support under National Rural Health Mission for engagement of staff on contractual basis.
- (vii) Approval for establishment of eight AIIMS-like institutions (six in first phase and two in second phase) in the country under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

CGHS dispensaries in the country

1003. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State and Union Territory-wise number of CGHS dispensaries and laboratories functioning as on today;