

Year	Funds allocated (Rs. in Lakhs)
2010-11	24467.29
2011-12	23643.59
2012-13	23138.64
TOTAL	71249.52

Shortage of medical professionals

1021. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India faces acute shortage of medical professionals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the shortfall in number of doctors, nurses, surgeons (dental) in the country;
- (d) the ratio of population per doctor; and
- (e) the action taken by Government to reduce the country's acute shortage of medical professionals?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes. However adequate numbers of dental surgeons are available in the country.

(b) and (c) As per the Report of the Steering Committee on Health for the Twelfth Five Year Plan of the Planning Commission, against a WHO recommended norm of 25 health workers (doctors, nurses, midwives), there are only 19 health workers per 10,000 people in India. Additionally, there are 7.9 lakh AYUSH practitioners registered in the country (approx. 6.5 per 10,000).

(d) The current doctor-population ratio in the country is estimated to be around 1:2000.

(e) The Government has already taken a large number of steps to reduce the shortage of medical professionals 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) Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.

- (iii) Relaxation in teacher-student ratio to increase the seats at Postgraduate level.
- (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 assistance to strengthen and upgrade the schools and colleges of nursing.
- (vii) Establishment of eight AIIMS-like institutions (six in first phase and two in second phases) in the country under PMSSY.
- (viii) Establishment of 6 colleges of nursing at sites of AIIMS like institutions being set up under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

Over crowding in Government hospitals

1022. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that huge number of patients in Government hospitals are unable to get medical treatment due to over crowding;
- (b) whether Government is aware that OPD counters in Government hospitals are equipped with inadequate manpower and outdated method of registration of patients;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to monitor the condition of Government hospitals; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) Since Health is a State Subject, no such information is maintained centrally. It is the responsibility of the State Governments to take necessary steps to provide adequate healthcare facilities to the people.

As far as three Central Government Hospitals *viz.* Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC and associated Hospitals are concerned, all the patients coming for medical treatment are attended to promptly. Most of these hospitals are having computerized Registration Counters managed by trained manpower. The complaint/Grievances Cell are also functioning in the Hospitals and regular meetings and