

**Vacant posts of doctors at AIIMS**

†290. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of post of doctors lying vacant in AIIMS at present and the number of vacant posts of specialists out of it;
- (b) whether the large number of vacancies of doctors and specialists does not affect adversely the treatment of patients;
- (c) the details of steps taken to fill the vacancies of doctors and specialists; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that recruitment of any kind has been withheld for one year?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) The present sanctioned strength of Doctors/Specialists in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi is 806, out of which 231 posts of Doctors/Specialists are vacant. Sufficient number of Senior Residents and Junior Residents are engaged in patient care and every effort is made to provide best possible treatment to all the patients coming to the AIIMS.

(c) and (d) 96 vacant posts of Assistant Professors in various departments/centres were filled up in 2012 and 110 posts of Assistant Professors have also been filled up recently in the year 2014. 138 vacant posts of Assistant Professors for various disciplines were advertised with the last date of online submission of applications as 31.01.2013 and selections were made in May, 2014. In addition to this, advertisement has been issued on 25.06.2014 to fill up 96 vacant posts of Assistant Professor. Recruitment of any kind is not withheld at present.

**Reduction of infant and material mortality rates**

†291. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to reduce infant and maternal mortality rates;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps so far in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) Yes.

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