

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA) : (a) No such data is maintained centrally. As per information provided by MCI there are total 9,59,198 doctors registered with the State Medical Council/Medical Council of India as on 30th June, 2015. Assuming 80% availability, it is estimated that around 7.67 lakh doctors may be actually available for active service. It gives a doctor-population ratio of 1:1681. Besides, there are 6.77 lakh Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy (AUH) doctors in the country. If the Allopathic and AUH streams are considered together, it gives a doctor population ratio of 1:893.

(b) and (c) The National Health Profile, 2015 was released on 22.9.2015. It is a comprehensive document and is available on the website i.e. <http://cbhidghs.nic.in/writereaddata/mainlinkFile/NHP-2015.pdf>.

(d) Public health being a State subject, under NRHM/NHM, financial support is provided to States to strengthen their healthcare delivery system based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans. This includes support for setting-up of public health facilities, augmentation of Human Resources, Drugs and Equipment etc.

#### **New technique for treatment of depression**

1891. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi has developed a system to treat depression other than through medicines;

(b) if so, the details of this unique development; and

(c) whether this technique is proposed to be used in other hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) to (c) At All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, depression and many other common mental disorders are regularly treated with procedures and interventions like counselling, relaxation exercises, yoga, meditation and advise on life style changes. Many centres in the country are using these techniques to treat depression.

#### **Extending of CGHS benefits to employee's parents**

1892. DR. C. P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to increase the monthly income level of Government employee's parents for inclusion or availing the benefits of CGHS card as dependent; and