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25.	Meghalaya	49	47	46
26.	Mizoram	35	35	32
27.	Nagaland	18	18	14
28.	Sikkim	24	22	19
29.	Tripura	28	26	21
30.	Uttarakhand	34	32	33
31.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	24	24	22
32.	Chandigarh	20	21	23
33.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	33	31	26
34.	Daman and Diu	22	20	18
35.	Lakshadweep	24	24	20
36.	Puducherry	17	17	14

Shortage of doctors and health staff in rural areas

†1790. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shortage in number of doctors and health staff has increased many folds in Government health centres in the rural areas of the country during last many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special policy efforts have been made by Government with a view to encourage doctors and health staff to work in the rural Government health centres in last two years and any positive result has come out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) and (b) According to Rural Health Statistics, published annually by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare based on the information provided by the States/UTs there were shortage of doctors and health staff in Government health centres. Details of shortage during 2005, 2010 and 2015 are given below:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Shortage (in number) of doctors and health staff in public health centres in rural areas	2005 (as on 30th September)	2010 (as on 31st March)	2015 (as on 31st March)
Doctors at Primary Health Centres (PHCs)	1004	2433	3002
Specialists at Community Health Centres (CHCs)	6110	11361	17525
Nursing staffs at PHCs and CHCs	13352	13683	12953
Radiographers at CHCs	1176	2724	3406
Pharmacists at PHCs and CHCs	2858	7655	8321
Laboratory technicians at PHCs and CHCs	7226	14225	13691
Health workers (Female)/Auxiliary Nurse Midwife(ANM) at Sub-centres & PHCs	19311	15079	9326
Health workers (Male) at Sub-centres	64211	94337	98027

(c) and (d) Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of health human resources in public health facilities lies with the State Governments. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for engagement of health human resources on contractual basis based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans.

Support under NHM is provided for multi-skilling of doctors to overcome the shortage of specialists. Support is also provided to States by giving hard area allowance to health human resources for serving in rural and remote areas and for their residential quarters so that they find it attractive to serve in public health facilities in such areas. Also, States are advised to put in place transparent policies of posting and transfer, and ensure rational deployment of health human resources. As the posts required for health facilities are filled up by respective State/UT Governments, they are impressed upon from time to time to fill up the vacant posts.

Affordable healthcare services

1791. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the average per capita expenditure incurred by Government on health during last two years;