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1	2	3	4	5	6
34.	Delhi	0	0	5	0
35.	Lakshadweep	12	12	4	
36.	Puducherry	8	7	24	*
	All India ² / Total	21340	17459	24855	1484

^{*:} There is a Surplus of Doctors against the required number of Doctors in some of States/UTs.

Notes: 1. Four Specialists Doctors per Community Health Centre as per IPHS norms

- 2. One Doctor per Primary Health Centre as per IPHS norms.
- 3. All India figure for shortfall is the sum of State/UT-wise shortfall ignoring surplus in some State/
- 4. Specialist includes Surgeon, OB&GY, Physician and Pediatrician

Mental health crisis among students

1395. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) Report, 28 students committed suicide every day in 2018;
- (b) if so, the Government's plan of action owing to the current mental health crisis among students; and
 - (c) whether any specific fund has been allotted for this cause?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) As per the "Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India 2018" Report of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), students accounted for 7.6% (10,159 victims) out of the Total of 1,34,516 suicide victims.

To address the burden of mental disorders, the Government of India is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) since 1982. The Government is supporting implementation of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) under NMHP in 655 districts of the country with the objectives to:-

(i) Provide suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counselling in schools and colleges.

- (ii) Provide mental health services including prevention, promotion and longterm continuing care at different levels of district healthcare delivery system.
- (iii) Augment institutional capacity in terms of infrastructure, equipment and human resource for mental healthcare.
- (iv) Promote community awareness and participation in the delivery of mental healthcare services.

Funds upto ₹ 12 lakhs per annum are provided to each district supported under DMHP for targeted interventions with the following objectives:-

- (i) To provide class teachers with facilitative skill to promote life skill among their students.
- (ii) To provide the class teachers with knowledge and skills to identify emotional conduct, scholastic and substance use problems in their students
- (iii) To provide class teachers with a system of referral for students with psychological problems to the District Mental Health Team for inputs and treatment.
- (iv) To involve other stakeholders like parents, community leaders to enhance development of adolescents etc.

Health issues related to senior citizens

1396. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the challenges and health issues related to the senior citizens in the country have been addressed properly with an effective programme;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government intends to take up;
- (c) whether Government has initiated/proposes to initiate any study in this regard and if s»o, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the study and programmes for addressing the health related issues of old persons are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) In recognition of special