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Yadgir	1,74,596	3,320
Outside State*	-	56,771
TOTAL	1,18,49,008	6,35,772

Note:

* Authorized hospitalization undertaken in hospitals outside the State, empaneled by the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust Karnataka.

Acute shortage of doctors and health workforce

2683. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of doctors and health workforce in the country, especially in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present number of doctors and other health workforce which exist in the country; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken/being taken by Government to improve availability of doctors and health personnel in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) Public Health being a State Subject, all the administrative and personnel matters, including that of recruitment of doctors and other health workforce in public health facilities lie with the respective State Governments. The shortage of health human resource in public health facilities varies from State to State depending upon their policies and context. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical supports are provided to the State/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for recruitment of human resources (Doctors and other health workers), based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

As per Rural Health Statistics 2018-19 (as on 31st March 2019) brought out by this Ministry, on the basis of information provided by State/UTs, the State/UT-wise number of doctors, staff nurse and other health workers available at Sub-Centres (SCs),

Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres in rural areas across India are available at https://main.mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Final%20RHS%202018-19_0.pdf.

(c) Government of India has taken various steps to optimize the number of doctors and specialists in the country - such as increasing the number of seats in UG/PG level at various medical educational institutes/medical colleges across the country; encouraging doctors to work in remote and difficult areas; encouraging States to adopt flexible norms for engaging specialists for public health facilities by various mechanisms like 'contracting in' and 'contracting out' of specialist services under National Health Mission.

State/UTs have also been allowed to offer negotiable salaries to attract Specialists including flexibility in strategies such as 'You quote, we pay'. Financial support is also provided to States for providing performance-based incentives, providing accommodation and transport facilities in rural and remote areas, sponsoring training programmes etc. to attract human resources to address the issue of shortage of doctors and specialists in the public health facilities. Support is also provided to States/UTs in term of hard area allowance for specialist doctors who serve in rural and remote areas as well as for residential quarters for them. Also, States are advised to put in place transparent policies of posting and transfer, and ensure rational deployment of doctors.

Financial assistance for setting up of solar micro grids

2684. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government provides financial assistance for setting up of solar mini/micro grids, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the financial assistance provided during the last five years including current year, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme during that period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) was providing central financial assistance (CFA) for installation of