

Availability of doctors per capita in India

236. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has details of per capita availability of doctors in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as well as rural-urban distribution, State-wise; and
- (c) how many doctors per 1000 people are specialists, in rural as well as urban India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) As per information provided by the Board of Governors in supersession of Medical Council of India (MCI), 12,55,786 allopathic doctors are registered in the country as on 30th June, 2020. Assuming 80% availability, it is estimated that around 10.05 lakh doctors may be actually available for active service. It gives a doctor-population ratio of 1:1343 as per current population estimate of 135 crore. The details of number of doctors registered with the concerned State Medical Council State/UT-wise are given in Statement (*See below*). Besides, there are 7.88 lakh Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy (AUH) doctors in the country. Assuming 80% availability, it is estimated that around 6.30 lakh Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy (AUH) doctors may be actually available for service and considered together with allopathic doctors, it gives a doctor population ratio of 1:825.

As per information provided by the Board of Governors in supersession of Medical Council of India (MCI), 3,71,870 allopathic doctors have registered their specialist/ post-graduate qualification with Medical Council of India/State Medical Council. It gives a doctor-population ratio of 1:3629 as per current population estimate of 135 crore; No data regarding rural and urban distributions are maintained Centrally.

Statement

Number of Doctors Registered with State Medical Councils / Medical Council of India as on 30th June, 2020

Sl. No.	State	Number of Registered Doctors
1.	Andhra Pradesh	102924
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1179

Sl. No.	State	Number of Registered Doctors
3.	Assam	24083
4.	Bihar	45795
5.	Chhattisgarh	10020
6.	Delhi	26685
7.	Goa	4035
8.	Gujarat	69746
9.	Haryana	14517
10.	Himachal Pradesh	3406
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	16491
12.	Jharkhand	6837
13.	Karnataka	130698
14.	Madhya Pradesh	40171
15.	Maharashtra	188540
16.	Kerala	65685
17.	Mizoram	118
18.	Nagaland	141
19.	Odisha	24780
20.	Punjab	51685
21.	Rajasthan	46253
22.	Sikkim	1414
23.	Tamil Nadu	148216
24.	Uttar Pradesh	84560
25.	Uttarakhand	9348
26.	West Bengal	75917

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of Registered Doctors
27.	Tripura	1945
28.	Telangana	7931
29.	Medical Council of India*	52666
TOTAL		12,55,786

Note - The other States / UTs do not have their own Medical Registration Council. Hence, their doctors get registration with the Councils of other neighbouring States.

* 52666 doctors were registered only with MCI.

Out of pocket expenditure

237. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has details of out-of-pocket expenditure incurred by patients as a percentage of total medical expenditure in a year and, if so, the numbers thereof, Statewise;

(b) the out-of-pocket expenditure incurred by patients as a percentage of total medical expenditure for the last three years; and

(c) the details of rural-urban distribution of out-of-pocket expenditure as a percentage of total medical expenditure for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) Data on Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) incurred by patients and its rural-urban distribution as a percent of total medical expenditure is not maintained by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

However, as per the National Health Accounts Estimates for India 2016-17, the State-wise details of Out-of-Pocket expenditure as a percent of Total Health Expenditure (THE) for select States is given at Statement (*See* below). The Household's Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) on health as a percent of Total Health Expenditure (THE) in India for the latest three years for which data is available is as under:-