

Regarding need to introduce a mandatory internship programme for Nursing students to ensure quality healthcare in hospitals-Laid

CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA (DAKSHINA KANNADA): I would like to bring the attention of the Government towards a pressing concern that is affecting the people of Mangalore, particularly those seeking treatment at the Wenlock district Hospital, Mangalore. The hospital is facing a dire shortage of nurses, which is causing significant issues in treating patients. Despite having skilled and experienced doctors, the lack of supportive nursing staff hinders the process of providing quality healthcare to our people. Recent reports have highlighted that several hospitals, particularly in rural India, are struggling to cope with the shortage of nurses, forcing patients to rely on untrained attendants and leading to delays in patient care. To address this critical issue, I urge the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to request the Nursing Council of India to introduce a mandatory internship program for nursing students similar to the internship mandated under the MBBS course. This program would not only provide hands-on experience to nursing students but also facilitate their equitable distribution across Government hospitals in India, particularly in rural and underserved areas. By introducing such a program, we can ensure that nursing professionals are more evenly distributed, bridging the gap in healthcare delivery and providing quality care to patients across the country.