

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4759  
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SHORTAGE OF SPECIALISTS  
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of cardiac and cardio theoretic specialists in the hospitals of Delhi Government;
- (b) if so, whether the Delhi Government have made requests to the Union Government to urgently appoint specialists or to allow the hospital authorities to make appointments on ad hoc basis;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (d) whether as per the Medical Council of India rules, a minimum number of specialists are required to run the DM course; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the shortage of cardiac and Cardio Thoracic specialists in the hospitals under the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. It is also aware that the Medical Council of India has prescribed a minimum of three faculty members with recognized Post Graduate qualification and experience with at least two of them holding the degree of DM/M.Ch. in the concerned speciality to run a DM course. Recently this Ministry has received a request from Government of Delhi for filling up of the vacancies in these specialities at G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi on ad-hoc basis. This Ministry is taking necessary steps to fill up these vacant posts.