

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

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REVIEW OF HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that according to the latest review of India's health sector there is one doctor for 1800 people and one bed for 1,123 population in Government Hospitals and also there is a need of 42,000 doctors in Government -run-Hospitals;
- (b) If so, whether the Government proposes to invite the private sector participation in medical profession to fill-up this gap ; and
- (c) If so, the details of the Government plan in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): According to the Health Information of India, 2003, there are 60 medical practitioner per lakh population and 89 beds per lakh population.

The total number of allopathic doctors registered in the country upto 31.03.2003 are 6,04,489. If the practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicines and Homeopathy 4.6 lakhs are taken into account, the ratio of availability of doctors to the population will work out much favourably.

The participation of the private sector in all areas of health activities primary, secondary or tertiary is envisaged in the National Health Policy 2002.