

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

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SHORTAGE OF TRAINED NURSES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of trained nurses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the short-term and long -term plans formulated by the Government to meet this shortage; and
- (d) the steps taken to check the migration of nurses to foreign countries?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): According to the information available, there is no shortage of trained nurses in the country. So far 8.65 lakh nurses have been registered with various State Nursing Councils in India. As per an estimate, about 30,000 to 35,000 Nurses qualify every year. Although there is no shortage of trained nurses in the country, Government has taken several steps to further augmentation of the availability of trained nurses. These include up gradation of Schools of Nursing and Colleges of Nursing, establishment of New Nursing Colleges, financial assistance to strengthen schools and colleges of nursing, organizing continuing education programme for nursing personnel to upgrade their knowledge and skills etc. As per the recommendations of High Power Committee, State Governments were requested to improve the working conditions of Nursing personnel.