

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

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of neurosurgeons in the country due to which patients have to wait for long for their treatment;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of neurosurgeons in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): State Governments have been giving Essentiality Certificate for starting of different PG/Superspeciality courses in the Medical colleges/institutions in the State based on the need for starting such courses. Based on the Essentiality Certificate given by the State Government and other requirement as per MCI norms, Central Government is granting permission for starting of such courses after receiving recommendations from Medical Council of India . However, as of now annual intake in M.Ch. (Neuro –surgery) and DM (Neurology) courses is approximately 118 in different Medical Colleges in the country.