

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

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SHORTAGE OF LADY DOCTORS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of lady doctors especially obstetricians in the Primary Health Centres and hospitals located in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to appoint lady doctors in these areas; and
- (d) the action likely to be taken by the Government against the doctors who discriminate and do not treat the patients properly?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A Primary Health Centre (PHC), presently is manned by one Medical Officer (MO). As per Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) formulated under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for upgradation of PHCs, it would be manned by 2 MOs, one male and one female and an AYUSH practitioner. The shortfall of obstetricians and gynecologists at Community Health Centres (CHCs) is 1643 as against the sanctioned posts of 2376, as on September, 2005. Under NRHM, state governments are authorized to appoint obstetricians, gynecologists and other specialists on contract basis.

(d) Action is taken as per rules against erring doctors.