

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:112
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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN CGHS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the CGHS is facing shortage of doctors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, grade-wise and the reasons for shortage;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to raise the retirement age of both teaching and non-teaching doctors of CGHS;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps to retain quality specialists and doctors and to meet the shortage of experts in medical educational institutions; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)&(b) The vacancy position in CGHS in each grade is as under :-

S.No. Name of cadre Sanctioned Filled Vacant

1. Non-teaching sub- 106 61 45
cadre specialists

2. GDMOs 1387 1214 173

3. SAG 83 16 67

The posts are vacant as either these posts are to be filled up on direct recruitment basis through CMSE (GDMO posts) or through interviews by UPSC. There was no recruitment during the period 2001-2005 as such, many of these posts could not be filled up. Requisitions for selection of candidates for filling up these vacant posts have already been sent to UPSC.

(c)&(d) The Government has taken a decision to increase the retirement age of specialists in teaching, non-teaching and Public Health Sub cadres of Central Health Services including CGHS and necessary orders to this effect have been issued on 16.11.2006.

(e)&(f) An expert Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Javed A. Chowdhury, former Secretary (Health) to look into the issue of retention of Health manpower in the Government. The Committee has made various recommendations for betterment of conditions of Government doctors in Central Health Service, AIIMS and PGIMER to arrest the attrition of doctors so that there is no shortage of experts including those in medical education institutions. The Government has already increased the age of retirement of specialists from 60 to 62 years.