

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3061
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH JANUARY, 2018**

SHORTAGE OF PHARMACISTS

3061. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of pharmacists in CGHS, Unani Centres in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of pharmacists working in these centres, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the reasons for posts lying vacant and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to past Pharmacists in CGHS, Unani clinics?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): Yes.

The details of Unani pharmacists in CGHS Wellness Centers, State/UT-wise are as under:-

State and CGHS City	Sanctioned posts of Unani Pharmacists	In place	Vacant
Delhi	7	1	6
Karnataka/ Bangaluru	1	1	Nil
Telangana/ Hyderabad	3	0	3
Uttar Pradesh/ Lucknow	2	0	2
West Bengal/Kolkata	1	1	0

(b): The vacancies have arisen on account of death/superannuation.

The following steps have been taken by the Government to fill up these posts :

- (i) Action has been initiated for recruitment of Unani Pharmacists by Addl. Directors of the concerned cities.
- (ii) Action has also been initiated for engaging retired Government Unani Pharmacists on contract basis as an interim measure.

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