

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2203
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020**

DOCTORS AS PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION

2203. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

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

- (a) the ratios recommended by WHO worldwide with regards to doctors, hospital beds, ICU beds and Ventilators as a percentage of the population and the present status of these ratios in India;
- (b) whether each such ratio in the country is at par with the WHO recommendations, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the efforts being made by the Government to meet the International standards in healthcare facilities/ services in the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) As per information provided by the Board of Governors in supersession of Medical Council of India (MCI), 12,55,786 allopathic doctors are registered in the country as on 30th June, 2020. Assuming 80% availability, it is estimated that around 10.05 lakh doctors may be actually available for active service. It gives a doctor-population ratio of 1:1343 as per current population estimate of 135 crore against the WHO norms of 1:1000. Besides, there are 7.88 lakh Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy (AUH) doctors in the country. Assuming 80% availability, it is estimated that around 6.30 lakh Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy (AUH) doctors may also be available for service and considered together with allopathic doctors it gives a doctor population ratio of 1:825.

As per provisional data of National Health Profile 2019, compiled by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence(CBHI), one bed in Government Hospitals including Primary Health Centre (PHCs) in rural and urban areas is available for average 1890 people in the country. The requirement of hospitals beds varies from one region to another based on age mix of population and disease profile, their incidence and prevalence rates. Further, the details of State- wise number of ICU beds and ventilators in different Government (Central and State) run

Dedicated COVID Hospitals is at Annexure. Data pertaining to international standards is not maintained centrally.

Since Health is a state subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to make efforts for improving healthcare facilities in the State in accordance with the requirement and fund availability. However, the Central Government provides assistance to the State Government in their efforts to provide better health care facilities to the people through various schemes including National Health Mission(NHM) and Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Annexure

State-wise details of ICU beds and ventilators in different Government (Central and State) run Dedicated COVID Hospitals* (as on 16th September, 2020)

S. No.	State / UT Name	ICU beds	Ventilators
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	18	18
2	Andhra Pradesh	1367	484
3	Arunachal Pradesh	43	11
4	Assam	329	278
5	Bihar	218	262
6	Chandigarh	60	30
7	Chhattisgarh	338	270
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	46	46
9	Daman & Diu	21	11
10	Delhi	1075	956
11	Goa	35	117
12	Gujarat	1454	1840
13	Haryana	214	165
14	Himachal Pradesh	69	72
15	Jammu and Kashmir	284	236
16	Jharkhand	103	74
17	Karnataka	1238	853
18	Kerala	747	357
19	Ladakh	31	25
20	Lakshadweep	3	2
21	Madhya Pradesh	721	308
22	Maharashtra	4039	2848
23	Manipur	20	24
24	Meghalaya	69	71
25	Mizoram	40	58
26	Nagaland	50	25
27	Odisha	222	140
28	Puducherry	57	50
29	Punjab	348	111
30	Rajasthan	939	602
31	Sikkim	20	57
32	Tamil Nadu	3595	2134
33	Telangana	815	303
34	Tripura	73	19
35	Uttar Pradesh	2110	1512
36	Uttarakhand	376	423
37	West Bengal	406	340

* Source: as reported by districts on S3 portal