

SI	Issues	Extract of Minute	Action Taken/Status as on 22.03.2014
	Colleges.	<p>The MP, Lakshadweep mentioned that there is lack of adequate numbers of doctors in Lakshadweep. The doctors are posted on rotational basis only for 90 days and there is always a shortage of specialists. He demanded that PG seats should be allotted for both Andamans and Lakshadweep to ensure availability of local medical specialists as specialists from outside are reluctant to come to the islands even after incentives are awarded to them. He also pointed out that students from the islands are not able to compete in the CET (Common Entrance Test) for want of coaching facilities. He also wanted a similar special dispensation for Post Graduation seats as well.</p> <p>Action to be taken by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare</p>	<p>the vacant posts and also to provide few Post Graduate seats every year in Central Govt. Medical Colleges for in-service regular General Duty Medical Officers (GDMO) of Andaman and Nicobar Health Cadre with an obligation to serve in the Union Territory to overcome the shortage of Specialists on long term basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Against the 50 sanctioned posts of Specialists for A & N Health Department, only 14 posts of specialists (11 regular, 1 adhoc and 2 contract) are filled up, while 36 are lying vacant To tide over the shortage of specialists. Ministry is regularly posting a batch of 7 to 8 Specialists Doctors on rotation basis for 3 months. However, this is not serving the purpose as the tenure of 90 days is too short for the Doctors to settle down to provide meaningful specialist services and the follow up treatment. Many of the Specialists posted for 90 days are only GDMOs with PG qualification, without requisite clinical experience. Even this service is erratic as most of the time Specialists do not join in time. As such, it was felt necessary for posting of Specialists on regular basis for atleast one year fixed tenure to fill up the vacancies. Further to overcome the shortage of Specialists in the long term, Govt. of India may as a special case provide a few PG seats every year in the Govt. Medical Colleges for in-service