

300 Doctors reject Government Job offer in Karnataka

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BENGALURU: About 300 doctors of over 1,000 recruited by the Department of Health and Family Welfare to various government hospitals across the state have rejected the job offers.

The department had recruited 1,122 doctors at various levels -- from surgeons to general physicians — through the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) in 2015.

According to officials, some have cited personal reasons while many have rejected the offer saying they cannot work outside Bengaluru.

“We are not in a position to act against them using the Compulsory Rural Services Act as it has been challenged in court and stayed. So, we have no other option than holding fresh recruitment,” said an official.

Missing Doctors		
Post	Recruited	Not Reported
Surgeons	713	214
GenPhysicians	324	71
Dentists	85	9

As per the information available with Express, the department had recruited 713 surgeons, 324 general physicians and 85 dentists. After the selection of candidates, the department had issued orders and also conducted counselling for them to choose their place of work.

“Though exact reasons were not given, many did not report for work or even bother to return the orders,” said the official.

The department has decided to take action as per the Karnataka Civil Services Rules 1977 of 18 (3).

“As it has been more than six months since the orders were issued, they will be revoked automatically. We will write to all the candidates who

have not reported to work saying their orders have been withdrawn. A new circular will be issued for fresh recruitment,” an official said.

Interestingly, of the 40 per cent doctors who have reported to work, 46 surgeons and four general physicians have been absent without any intimation.

So, letters will also be sent to them withdrawing their appointment order.

Salaries over a lakh

The government is not under-paying these doctors. As per information from the department, a surgeon working in the Hyderabad-Karnataka region is paid Rs 1.3 lakh while a general physician gets Rs 1 lakh.