

## **The Hitavada**

### **Hundreds of nurses head to foreign countries in search of jobs every year**

When nurses passed out from government or private nursing training institutes do not get job in State, they head to foreign countries in search of jobs. Every year between 500 and 1000 nurses apply for job in foreign countries and most of them get jobs there. In foreign countries, there is salary more than Indian hospitals.

According to a senior health officer, the nurses get low salary in India, specially in Government sector and the responsibilities are more. It is the reason why the well-trained nurses either seek job in corporate sectors or foreign countries where they get more facilities and good salary. There are total 500 nursing training institutes, including government and private.

However, of them Government nursing institutes are very less than the private institutes. Of these institutes, every year 3,000 trained nurses in M.Sc. nursing, B.Sc. nursing, post basic diploma, Auxiliary Nursing Midwife (ANM). Of these 3,000 nurses hardly 1,000 nurses get job in Government and private hospitals that too on the contract basis. Around 1,000 nurses go to foreign countries and about 1,000 nurses seek job in other states of the country. It is learnt if Government decides to fill up nursing vacancies in State in coming months, then there are about 20,000 posts to be filled. The State's trained nurses will not need to seek job outside the state. If they want good salary compared to the Government, they might not depend upon the Government job.

Secondly, the health department and Medical Education Department give preference to the nurses trained in Government nursing training institutes. Besides, there is no Government job to the male nurse in State.

They had earlier launched agitation against the discrimination between male and female nurses but in vain. Sources said recently many nursing training institutes have been increased in the state so the seats have also been increased considering more interest of the girls towards nursing.

The training nurses suppose if they passed diploma or degree, their job is confirmed in the Government hospital. IMC grants recognition, MNC gives affiliation: The Indian Medical Council (IMC) grants recognition to

the nursing training institutes while the Madhya Pradesh Nurses Council gives affiliation to the training institutes.

When contacted, Angoori Singh, Registrar, Madhya Pradesh Nurses Council, said every year between 500 and 100 went to '

foreign countries for job on good salary. Every year 3000 trained nurses from 500 Government and private institutes are passed outs, she said.