

Shortage of Doctors in Maharashtra

Left with no option but to tackle the shortage of doctors at government primary health centres and rural hospitals, the state has permitted walk-in interviews with MBBS graduates and those from Ayurveda, homeopathy and other disciplines.

Each district's collector and civil surgeon will be part of the committee that will conduct the selection, Dr Mohan Jadhav, Director of Health, Maharashtra told Newslines.

There are five vacancies in Pune district, according to Dr Bhagwan Pawar, district health officer. However, other districts have a shortage.

For instance, at Solapur, as many as 27 Class I posts of medical officers are vacant at 17 rural hospitals while 19 posts of medical officers are vacant at 77 primary health centres.

Dr H H Chavan, deputy director, Pune circle, said that Pune district did not face a problem of shortage though adjoining districts of Solapur and Satara had vacancies. At least 20 vacancies for posts of medical officers need to be filled at Satara, he pointed out.