

## **The Hans India**

### **Plan to fill doctor posts a non-starter**

**Hyderabad:** The entire process of filling over 1,000 posts of doctors has come to a grinding halt with the doctors with post-graduation qualifications, who are working in Primary Health Centres, raising an objection over procedure adopted. The vacancies in PHCs (Primary Health Centres), Area and District (Community Health Centres) and Teaching Hospitals remain unfilled for long.

While the doctors with PG qualification, who have been posted in PHCs, demanded that the government first absorb them in the Teaching Hospitals directly, the State government made it clear that such a process is contrary to the rules set by the Medical and Health Department.

The officials of the Medical and Health Department told The Hans India that the doctors in the PHCs had been recruited by the State Directorate of Health Department and the service rules of these doctors would not allow transfer of them from one wing to the other directly.

Those, who are interested to join district and Teaching Hospitals, should be selected through the examination conducted by the government. The examination pattern for the doctors in teaching hospitals is entirely different from that of the PHC and district hospital, sources said.

About 400 doctor posts have been lying vacant out of 1,420 sanctioned in the PHCs and another 400 posts out 2,200 sanctioned for district hospitals are yet to be filled. In Teaching Hospitals 210 posts out of 912 sanctioned are yet to be filled.

A postgraduate in MS (Masters in Surgery) from Osmania Medical college B H Anand said though he was qualified for the services in the Teaching Hospitals, he was posted to PHC which lacked the equipped to diagnose the patients. It made no sense to be in PHC after doing a course in super specialty, he said.