

## GMOA faults health administrators for inability to install Management Information System in hospitals



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The Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA) yesterday accused hospital administrators of not being very supportive of the Health Ministry's effort to install a Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS).

GMOA Secretary, Dr Nalinda

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Herath said that the Ministry in collaboration with them (the GMOA) had commenced formulating the HRMIS in 2012 to facilitate the smooth functioning of the countrywide government medical service. It would help identify the number of medical officers serving hospitals and their units. It would be very helpful when formulating annual transfer lists.

Dr Herath said that President Maithripala Sirisena had been keen in developing such a system when he was the Health Minister. However, the Ministry and the GMOA were still exerting themselves to develop the data base owing to the lack of support from hospital heads. The reluctance he said, arose from the fact that some of these medical officers were those who had been given a special training in a particular field, or that they were sanctioned by their superiors.

The GMOA Secretary said that

hospital administrators could easily furnish data regarding the number of patients they treated daily without any problem. However it is very unfortunate that they were unable to supply the data regarding the number of doctors that worked in the hospital or the dates that each of them reported to duty at the hospital.

Herath alleged that the lack of responsibility had only resulted in the suffering of peripheral hospitals. Some of them were on the verge of closure due to a shortage of doctors.

Dr. Herath said, however, that following discussions with the GMOA Health Minister, Dr. Rajitha Senarathne had instructed the Director General Health Services to take disciplinary action against hospital administrators who failed to provide the data on the number of doctors serving in their respective hospitals.