

Shortage of doctors, medicines hit Raha Rantholi 30-bed hospital

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Though the Health Minister of Assam is taking various steps to improve the health services of the rural area , health centres in rural areas are still unable to provide better services to the common people due to the unavailability of required number of doctors , medicines, nurses etc.

The 30-bed year old Raha Ranthali Hospital is meant to cater to the health needs of more than 50 villages . But not to speak of other facilities ,the health centre is running without a residential health and medical officer (MHO). Instead of three doctors needed by a large number of patients everyday , there is only one Doctor found available while investigated.

During investigation it has come to light that the Hospital employees have been neglecting their duties , due to which the patients are being deprived from availing proper treatment and medicines. Besides , the local people allege this correspondent that the Hospital staffs always refuse to give the medicines prescribed by the doctors to the patients and suggest them to buy the same from the outside. They further allege that the same employees sale the Govt. supplied medicines meant for the Hospital patients , outside and distribute among their relatives. The local people have therefore demanded the health authority concerned to look into the matter and ameliorate their perennial plight. They have also demanded the authority to place a resident doctor immediately so that they need not wait for the arrival of the doctors from the district head.

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