

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:147
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2002
BRAIN DRAIN OF DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that UK, as part of its multi-billion pound plan for National Health Services, has been conducting aggressive recruitment drives in several developing countries including India as reported in the Hindustan Times dated July 1, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to check this brain drain;
- (d) whether India has complained about poaching of doctors to the British Government; and
- (e) if so, the response of the British Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 147 FOR ANSWER ON 24.7.2002

A draft Memorandum of Understanding has been received from the Department of Health in the United Kingdom through the British High Commission in New Delhi in July, 2002 on recruitment of healthcare professionals from India to the National Health Service of the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom has proposed to launch a pilot recruitment project of healthcare professionals from India. This draft proposal is under examination in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This draft does not indicate the manpower requirement and the terms and conditions for the same. These are being ascertained from the British Government through the Ministry of External Affairs. Before taking a final decision, the need of health care manpower in the country will be kept in view.