

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:10  
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EXAMINATION OF RAPE VICTIMS BY DOCTORS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether rape victims are examined by doctors particularly in rural areas unless Police forward the case to them;
- (b) if so, the details of guidelines issued by the Government to doctors in such cases; (
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore;
- (d) whether Supreme Court has recorded recently its strong disapproval of the practice of doctors in such cases; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to issue instructions to doctors to examine the rape victims even without referring the case by Police?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

- (a) to (e) The information is being collected from State Governments to be placed before the House.