

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

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RECOGNITION OF NURSING CERTIFICATES

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Nursing Certificates issued by the Indian Armed Forces Medical Core are not being recognised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether thousands of persons retiring from Armed Forces Medical Core as Medical Assistants are wandering about in search of job;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to reconsider its decision in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & (b) As per the information made available by the Indian Nursing Council, the training given to the Nursing Assistants in Army Medical Corps is not equivalent to the General Nursing training given in the civilian side. Therefore, the Nursing Certificate issued by the Army Medical Corps is not recognized by the Indian Nursing Council
- (c) to (e) As per the information made available by the Ministry of Defence on an average 180 Nursing Assistants retire every year. They are issued general proficiency certificates. As both the courses are not equivalent, there is no reason to reconsider the decision.