

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1562  
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PG SEATS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the P.G. seats for foreign students in the Indian Medical Institutes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to recognize all Post Graduate Medical degrees awarded by foreign countries like U.S., U.K., New Zealand, Australia and Singapore as reported in the 'Times of India' dated August 5, 2007; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the Post Graduate seats for foreign students in the Indian Medical colleges.

(c)&(d): In order to attract Indian doctors with post graduate/post doctoral qualifications based in these 5 countries to return to India so as to meet the shortage of medical teachers and specialist doctors in the country, the government is considering a proposal to unilaterally recognize post graduate/post doctoral medical qualifications awarded developed countries such as United States of America, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore. It will also pave for our students to pursue post graduate/post doctoral courses in these countries where medium of instruction is English.