

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:121
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2010
NEW MEDICAL DEGREE COURSE
Singh Shri Rakesh;Yadav Shri Sharad

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new degree course, viz., 'Bachelor of Rural Medicine and Surgery' (BRMS);
- (b) if so, the objectives and the salient features thereof;
- (c) the differences in the proposed course as compared to the existing regular course being pursued across the country;
- (d) the time by which the new degree course is likely to be introduced;
- (e) whether there has been opposition to this move; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 121 FOR 5TH MARCH, 2010

The Government has received from the Medical Council of India, a scheme of the course titled "Bachelor of Rural Health Care" and not "Bachelor of Rural Medical and Surgery (BRMS)" on 26th February, 2010, which is yet to be examined.

In order to provide trained manpower in sub-centres only for treating ailments except surgery, Government in consultation with the Medical Council of India, is in the process of considering the introduction of a short-term rural medical course. The objectives are to provide trained persons in rural villages to provide treatment for ailments, early diagnosis, stabilization and referral and promoting public health activities and to reduce dependence of rural population on unqualified persons.