

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

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DIPLOMA COURSES IN MEDICAL SCIENCES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start diploma courses in medical sciences below MBBS and also to reduce the duration of degree in medical sciences;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any assessment on the requirement of such diploma holders in the primary health care centres particularly in rural areas has been made by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any proposal regarding provision of free coaching classes for poor students for their better performance in medical examination is being considered by the Government; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) to (d) The Government has received from the Medical Council of India a scheme of the course titled "Bachelor of Rural Health Care" & 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 minor ailments,the 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 minor ailments, early diagnosis, stabilization & referral and promoting public health activities and to reduce dependence of rural population on unqualified persons.

(e) No.

(f) Does not arise.