

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

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

- (a) the ratio of the medical teachers to students in the country;
- (b) whether reports have been received regarding the closure of a number of courses including MS and MD Pharma courses in several colleges/institutions of higher medical education, due to shortage of medical teachers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the development of faculty in the medical education?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIDINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a) No such data is maintained centrally.
- (b) & (c) In view of gross deficiencies in teaching faculty and clinical material etc., Medical Council of India has recommended to the Central Government for withdrawal of recognition in respect of various Post Graduate (PG) medical degrees in 12 (twelve) medical colleges/institutions.
- (d) For the development of faculty in the medical education, the Central Government has revised the teacher students ratio from 1:1 to 1:2 to enable the medical colleges to increase seats in postgraduate medical courses. Also the Central Government has permitted the medical colleges to apply for starting of a PG course in pre and para clinical subjects at the time of admission of 4th batch of MBBS students.