

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ESSENTIAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FOR PG NURSING COURSES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether one year clinical experience has been prescribed as essential for admission to post-graduate nursing courses;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed its adverse impact on quality of education;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure quality of education in this field?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b): One year clinical experience is prescribed for admission to post graduate nursing courses because during this period the candidates have an opportunity of regular clinical exposure where as during B.Sc. (Nursing) they get only supervisory clinical exposure. Nursing is skill oriented practice. Minimum essential qualification to become teacher in nursing is post graduation in nursing. In the absence of clinical experience they will not be able to become effective teachers.

(c)&(d): No adverse impact on quality of education has come to notice.

(e): The Government provides financial assistance for organizing Continuing Nursing Education Programme to update the knowledge and skills of the nursing teachers. The Government also provides assistance to improve the quality of training at the existing Schools/ Colleges of Nursing. This assistance is meant for procurement of A.V. Aids, improvement of library, laboratory equipment, addition/alterations in the School/Colleges/Hostel building and transport.