

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORT TERM MEDICAL COURSES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce short-term medical courses for creating dedicated cadre of rural health care workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith duration of the courses;
- (c) whether any target has been set for providing employment to the students qualifying these short-term courses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) In order to tackle acute shortage of doctors in rural areas, the Central Government has been exploring various options, one of which is to introduce a short term rural medical course, The proposed course to be called Bachelor of Rural Health Care will be of 3-years duration with 6-months of internship and is proposed to be taught in the District Hospitals and is especially designed for those who have completed their schooling and passed their qualifying examination from notified rural areas of the district. These professionals will be posted at the Sub-Centers.