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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the US Government has debarred Indian students from appearing in the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), a test without which students cannot practice in the US;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has taken up the issue with the US Government; and
- (c) if so, the response of the US Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Yes, it is true that the US Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy has suspended National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) testing for all graduates of schools located in four countries, namely, India, Egypt, Pakistan and Philippines, pending development of a separate, secure examination system for graduates of these countries which will be called NPTE-YRLY. Their testing will be resumed once the development of NPTE-YRLY is completed. The Federation expects to launch NPTE-YRLY in or about the fall of 2011. Details in this regard can be observed at the Federation website www.fsbpt.org.

(b)&(c): Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Mission in USA have been requested to take up the matter with the concerned Authorities in USA.