

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

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NEW RURAL HEALTHCARE CADRE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal of the New Rural Health Care Cadre has since been finalised;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) 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. The proposal will also be placed before the Central Council for Health & Family Welfare for discussion and comments thereon by the State Governments.