

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

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL FACULTIES

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of faculty in the medical and AYUSH colleges including Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to recruit Professors, Associate Professors and Lecturers on contractual basis in some medical colleges in various States including Uttar Pradesh and permit DNB degree/ diploma holders to teach medicines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the manner in which the quality of syllabus and examination is likely to be maintained;
- (e) whether any permission has also been sought to appoint foreign teachers in private medical colleges; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, in consultation with Medical Council of India, has taken various steps to increase the number of faculty in the medical colleges viz. reduced teacher-student ratio, allowed persons possessing DNB qualification for appointment to various faculty positions in medical colleges and raised the maximum age limit from 65 to 70 years upto which a person can be appointed or granted extension or re-employed in service against the post of medical faculty. In respect of AYUSH colleges, the deficiency of teaching faculties is met with the qualified and eligible existing research staff, Guest faculties and Visiting Professors.
- (c) There is no such proposal in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) No.
- (f) Does not arise.