

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

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MEDICAL EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a new alternative model medical education system in the rural areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes. 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 would be posted at the Sub-Centres.