

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

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FOREIGN MEDICAL AND NURSING DEGREES

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

- (a) whether graduate and post graduate medical and nursing degrees conferred by the foreign universities are recognised in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has received any complaints/representations in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATER FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DIENESH TRVEDI)

(a) to (c): The Indian students/Overseas Citizens of India who obtain graduate medical degrees outside India have to qualify the Screening Test prescribed under Medical Council of India's (MCI) Screening Test Regulations to get permanent registration, entitlement for practice and further studies in India. The postgraduate medical degrees which are included in the Second Schedule of the Indian Medical Council (IMC) Act, 1956 are recognized medical qualifications for enrolment as medical practitioner in India. In addition, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare amended the Third Schedule of the Indian Medical Council (IMC) Act, 1956 by recognizing the postgraduate medical qualifications awarded by 5-English speaking countries, viz. Australia, Canada, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States of America. Insofar as nursing degrees are concerned, the Indian Nursing Council follows a system of 'equivalency' whereunder the Indian citizens who have undergone graduate and postgraduate nursing programmes outside India are assessed to evaluate the equivalence of the course with Indian nursing programmes.

(d) & (e): Yes. The Government has received a few representations from students who have obtained medical education from countries like Russia, Mauritius, China and Bangladesh. In case of nursing also, the Government has received a few individual representations regarding the system of equivalency.