

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

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

- (a) whether the Medical Council of India (MCI) has stopped all the licentiate courses and instead proposed/started a two years and a three and half year courses at par with MBBS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of medical schools upgraded into medical colleges for the purpose;
- (c) the rationale behind such a move; and
- (d) the manner in which such move is likely to safeguard the status for doctors when nurses and pharmacists take more time to be awarded the degree?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIDINESH TRVEDI)

(a) to (d) In order meet the shortage of doctors and stop practice by unqualified medical professionals in rural areas of the country, the Medical council of India proposed to introduce a short term rural medical course, viz. Bachelor of Rural Health Care, which 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-Centres. This will be a different cadre of medical professionals and not comparable with MBBS doctors.