

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BACHELOR OF RURAL HEALTH CARE COURSE

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

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the Bachelor of Rural Health Care Course (BRHC) to create a dedicated medical cadre for rural areas;
- (b) if so, the scope and salient features of the said course;
- (c) the manner in which divergent views on the proposed rural medical course have been accommodated before its finalisation;
- (d) whether the Government has worked out financial and operational modalities with the State Governments to implement the course; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which BRHC is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The Government is planning to introduce a 3 ½ year rural health care course – Bachelor of Rural Health Care (BRHC), which has been framed after taking into consideration views of various stakeholders including States. The course proposed to be taught in the District Hospitals, in especially designed for those who have completed their schooling and passed their qualifying examination, i.e. 10+2 examination, from notified rural areas of the district. These professionals will be posted at the Sub-Centers. The financial implication would depend upon the number of States which decide to adopt the course and the facilities that exist in these States for implementing the course.