

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

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RECOMMENDATION OF BHORE COMMITTEE  
Singh Shri Ganesh

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

- (a) whether the health care dispensing system in the country is based on roadmap of recommendation made by Bhole Committee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether 40 per cent people of rural areas in the country are still deprived of health care benefits; and
- (d) if so, remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Bhole Committee in 1946 inter-alia estimated that around 15,000 doctors would be needed in the first five years, and around 30,000 over 10 years. Over the last six decades, the Government has facilitated establishment of a number of medical colleges in the country. At present, there are 314 medical colleges out of which 149 are in the Government sector and remaining 165 are in private sector with an overall annual admission capacity of around 37,027 MBBS students and around 18,625 PG students.

(c) & (d) There is an imbalance in availability of doctors in rural and urban areas of the country. The Medical Council of India has made the following amendments to its Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations to encourage doctors to serve in the rural areas:

- (i) 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas; and
- (ii) Incentive at the rate of 10% of the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.