

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

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MIGRATION OF DOCTORS AND NURSES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the World Migration Report which places India at the top in terms of origin of migrant doctors and nurses in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the facts in this regard;
- (c) the number of doctors and nurses migrated to other countries during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the reasons for such large number of migration;
- (d) whether the Government proposes certain measures and incentives to arrest this trend and bring back these doctors and nurses back to the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the World Migration Report 2010, India figures as a leading country in terms of expatriation of nurses/doctors to Organisation for European Co-operation Development (OECD) countries. However, this report does not include the large number of Indian nurses working in the Gulf countries.

(c): No centralised data is maintained for doctors and nurses migrating to other countries. However, the Medical Council of India has informed that, on the basis of Good Standing Certificates (GSC) issued by them during the year 2008 to 2011, a rough estimate of the doctors migrating to other countries can be made. Details of GSC (2008-2011) issued by the Medical Council of India is as under:-

Year	Total number of Good Standing Certificate issued
2008	1002
2009	1386
2010	1264
2011 (till 27th July, 2011.	767

(d) & (e): The Central Government has taken various measures including hike in pay scales and schemes like Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP) to make the medical profession remunerative. The growth in the economy in general and the medical care sector in particular is also incentivising doctors and nurses to come back to the country.