

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

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FOREIGN STUDENTS IN MEDICAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed quota for foreign students including those from Nepal for admission to medical courses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the procedure and criteria for admission/nomination of such students including Nepalese students; and
- (d) the details of foreign students, particularly from Nepal admitted/ nominated in the medical colleges during the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Quota for foreign students is decided and allocated to Ministry of External Affairs on the basis of contribution of MBBS/BDS seats received in the Central Pool. Thereafter, Ministry of External Affairs decides the individual quotas for various countries including Nepal.

The foreign students are selected by Ministry of External Affairs on the basis of their merit and recommendations.

(d) 7 Nepali students in each academic year 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 have been nominated by Ministry of External Affairs for MBBS courses in different medical colleges against Central Pool MBBS/BDS seats.