

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

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NURSING EDUCATION

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

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to raise the standards of nursing education and make it simple in the country;
- (b) whether any assessment has been done to ascertain the impact of the above measures on nursing education in the country;
- (c) if so, the details alongwith the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme for the welfare of nurses in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a): The proactive measures taken by the Indian Nursing council to raise the standards of nursing education is annexed.
- (b) & (c): No such assessment has been made.
- (d) & (e): Health being state subject, all the State Governments have been requested vide letter dated 7.07.2010 to take urgent steps to enact a comprehensive legislation to improve the service conditions of the nurses working in the private sector hospitals.

Annexure

Proactive measures taken by Indian nursing council are as under:

1. Student patient ratio has been relaxed from 1:5 to 1:3
2. The land from 5 acres has been relaxed to construct building of 54,000 sq. ft. for School/College of Nursing and Hostel.
3. Relaxed norms for teaching faculty to start B.Sc. (N) Programme.

At least 2 M.Sc. (N) faculty to be available

Qualification and Experience of the Nursing Teachers has been relaxed up to 2012.

Sharing of teaching faculty for both Diploma and Graduate Programme.

4. Relaxation for opening M.Sc. (N) programme. Super specialty Hospital can start M.Sc. (N) without having under graduate programme.

Relaxation of teacher student ratio for M.Sc (N) programme has been relaxed from 1:5 to 1:10

Essentiality certificate to open M.Sc. (N) programme from State Government is not required for those institution which are already having Indian Nursing Council recognized programme like Diploma or Degree.

If an institution is having INC recognition for one program then there is no need to have Essentiality certificate for starting another nursing program

5. Admission for Nursing allowed for married candidates.

6. Age increased for Teaching Faculty up to 70 years

7. Maximum number of 100 seats will be given to those parent hospitals with 300 beds without insisting Medical College

8. Distance from school to hospital has been relaxed from 15 km to 30 km

9. School/College should have their own building by 2010 (till then rented building allowed).