

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

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

(a) whether Government proposes to reorient medical education towards equipping doctors for primary and secondary services and help India achieve Universal Health Care; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government in this direction during the last three years in each State including Haryana?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b) In an overall effort to improve medical education and to make it more socially oriented and suitable from the public health perspective and to expose MBBS students to rural health care settings besides enabling them to acquaint themselves with broad community healthcare needs, the Medical Council of India (MCI) has been requested to prepare a scheme document for rural posting of medical graduates after completion of part of internship in medical college.

Further, the Government has taken various measures for improvement in community health care needs which include –

(i) Notification of Family Medicine as one of the subjects in which postgraduate degree/diploma can be awarded by Indian Universities. The curriculum of MD (Family Medicine) has been approved and circulated to States for introduction in medical colleges.

(ii) 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. After acquiring the PG Diploma, such Medical Officers shall serve for two more years in remote and/or difficult areas.

(iii) 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.