

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

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

- (a) whether the Government recognizes the role of specialists in family medicine in order to provide affordable and universal health care to people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of family physicians in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up family medicine centres in order to deliver high quality and low cost primary health care services meeting international standards;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other measures taken/proposed by the Government to promote family medicine and physicians in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Yes.

(b): No such data is maintained centrally.

(c) to (e): At present, there is no such proposal. However, the Medical Council of India (MCI), with the prior approval of the Central Government, has notified Family Medicine as one of the subjects in which postgraduate degree and diploma can be awarded by Indian Universities. The Central Government has also approved the curriculum of MD (Family Medicine) proposed by the Medical Council of India and circulated it among the States for introduction in medical colleges.