

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4388  
ANSWERED ON:07.09.2012  
RETIREMENT AGE OF DOCTORS  
Dome Dr. Ram Chandra

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

- (a) whether decision taken by the Government to increase the retirement age of faculty doctors from 65 years to 70 years has been implemented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has discontinued to recommend names of dedicated doctors of Government hospitals for 'Padma Shree Award'; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a) & (b) The Government have not taken any decision to increase the retirement age of faculty doctors from 65 years to 70 years. However the Medical Council of India, with the previous approval of the Central Government, has amended the "Minimum Qualifications for Teachers in Medical Institutions (Amendment) Regulations, 2010" wherein the maximum age limit up to which a person can be appointed or granted extension or re-employed in service against the posts of Teachers or Dean or Principal or Director, in any Medical College or Teaching Institution for imparting Graduate and Post-Graduate medical education, has been increased to 70 years, allowing an authority making recruitment rules /appointment to such posts in Medical College or Teaching Institution to make recruitment rules/appointment accordingly.
- (c) No.
- (d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.