

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

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DEGREE COURSES IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large per cent of deaths in the country are caused by infectious diseases;
- (b) if so, whether there is shortage of doctors in the country who have specialization in treating the patients suffering from the infectious diseases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Medical Colleges in the country offer a degree course in infectious diseases;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a): Yes. According to the Registrar General of India's Report on Causes of Death, approximately 34% of total deaths occur on account of infectious diseases.
- (b) & (c): The treatment of infectious diseases does not require specialization. The Medical Graduates (MBBS Doctors) are qualified to treat infectious diseases.
- (d): No.
- (e): As mentioned in reply to (b) & (c) above, the Medical Graduates (MBBS Doctors) are fully qualified to treat infectious diseases.
- (f): The medical doctors posted in Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals are given training/orientation from time to time to update their knowledge and skills for the treatment of infectious diseases like TB, Malaria etc.