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COURSE ON COMMUNITY HEALTH

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

- (a) the objective along with the salient features of the proposed medical course namely, Bachelor of Science (Community Health);
- (b) whether the task force constituted to frame the norms for requirement of physical infrastructure and examine various aspects regarding introduction of the course has since submitted its report;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the follow up action taken/proposed by the Government thereon; and
- (d) the time by which the said course on community health is likely to be introduced in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) The objective of the proposed Bachelor of Science (Community Health) course is to generate a cadre of health care providers who by the virtue of the way they are chosen, trained, deployed and supported will be motivated to live in and provide comprehensive primary health care in the rural areas at the sub-centre level. Admissions as well as deployment of these graduates would be district based in respective States.
- (b) & (c) Yes. The Task Force inter-alia recommended the cost estimates for infrastructure, human resources, equipments, scholarships/stipends, transport facilities, requirement for drugs and consumables and contingency and other expenses and the same have been submitted for consideration of the Government.
- (d) Bachelor of Science (Community Health) course is likely to be introduced in the States willing to adopt it from the academic 2013-2014.