

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:134
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FOREIGN MEDICAL DEGREE HOLDERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign medical degree holders who appeared in the screening test for getting registration and the number out of them qualified during each of the last three years;
- (b) the number of foreign medical degree holders who got registration with the Medical Council of India (MCI) or any State Medical Council during the said period;
- (c) whether any recommendation has been made to the Government to conduct an exit test for all graduates of unrecognised foreign medical institutions in place of the current system of screening test which is mandatory for all foreign primary medical degrees;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the other measures being contemplated by the Government to address the plights of foreign medical degree holders in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) As per information provided by National Board of Examinations, the number of foreign medical degree holders who appeared and qualified in the screening test during the last three years is as under:

Year	Appeared	Qualified
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2010	10115	2680
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2011	13270	3576
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2012	14476	3150
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- (b) As per information provided by Medical Council of India (MCI), all foreign medical degree holders have to get registered with MCI. The number of foreign medical degree holders who got permanent registration with MCI during the last three years is as under:

Year	Registered
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2009 - 2010	1124
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2010 - 2011	1077
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(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Foreign medical degrees acquired from 5 English speaking countries namely, Australia, Canada, New Zealand United Kingdom and United States of America have already been recognised in India.