

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has amended the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to make one year rural posting mandatory for becoming eligible to take admission in Post Graduate courses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of implementation of the said amendment;
- (c) whether instances of payment of fine to avoid working in rural areas by medical students in Karnataka and certain other States/UTs have come to the notice of the Government;
- (d) if so, the facts in the matter; and
- (e) the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard to encourage medical students to serve in rural and remote areas of the country?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Government has approved the proposal of Medical Council of India (MCI) to amend the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to make one year rural posting mandatory for becoming eligible to take admission in Post Graduate medical courses in the country. The proposed amendment would be implemented from the academic year 2015-16.
- (c) to (e): No such instances have been reported to this Ministry. However, in order to encourage the doctors working in remote and difficult areas, the Medical Council of India with the previous approval of Central Government has amended the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to provide –
 - (i) 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas; and
 - (ii) Incentive at the rate of 10% of the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.