

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

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MEDICAL SCHOOLS FOR LMF COURSE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has proposes to set up medical schools for LMF Course in India to mitigate the shortage of doctors in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a) No.

(b) In order to overcome shortage of doctors in the rural areas as recommended by various committees in the past, the Central Government has amended Medical Council of India Regulations 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. These steps will encourage doctors to work in rural areas. The MCI Regulations are reviewed and amended from time to time to meet the needs of the country.

(c) Doest not arise.