Title: Need to take steps for setting up of medical colleges through Public-Private Partnership in major towns of the country.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): Owing to global economy and substantial development of Science and Technology and I.T. Sector there has been blooming of engineering institution in India. But on the other hand the establishment of new medical colleges either by Government or private entrepreneurs is extremely low. Interest and initiation by the state Governments in setting up of new medical colleges is virtually nil. I would like to draw the attention of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to come forward and set up medical colleges in major townships in the country, if necessary by public-private partnership permitting foreign medical institutes to participate as entrepreneurs.