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Title: Need for an expert debate on the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination Conducted by the National Board of Examinations.

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE (KALYAN): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise an important issue about the Foreign Medical Graduates Examination.

We have many students from India who study Medicine at other countries due to a variety of reasons and then they wish to return to India and start practice or seek employment in India.

Of course, such medical graduates who complete their medical studies abroad are required to clear a test called the Foreign Medical Graduates Examination before they are allowed to practice in India. But the test is given an innocuous name of a 'screening test'. However, the pass percentage is only 10 per cent and 90 per cent students fail. I am not questioning the test as I am aware that there are certain professional examinations where the result is seven per cent. However, I would definitely like to question this so-called Licensure examination.

Thousands of doctors who have studied abroad are today jobless in India due to this examination and at the same time our Primary Health Centres and Rural Hospitals cannot provide the desired medical facilities due to lack of qualified doctors.

So, there needs to be an expert debate on the Foreign Medical Graduates Examination conducted by the National Board of Examinations and I would request the Government to look into the matter very seriously.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Shri Sumedhanand Sarswati are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Dr. Shrikant Eknath Shinde.