

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3464
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019

Lateral Entry of Nursing/Dental Graduates into MBBS Course

3464. DR. M.K. VISHNU PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to allow lateral entry of nursing and dental graduates into MBBS course, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the draft NEP recommends the proposal to introduce common exit exam for all MBBS graduates for PG, if so, the response of the Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (b) : The Committee for the Draft National Education Policy under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan has submitted its report to the Ministry on 31st May 2019. As per the Draft NEP 2019 submitted by the Committee, Paragraph P16.8.2 of Chapter 16 proposes that *'The first year or two of the MBBS course will be designed as a common period for all science graduates after which they can take up MBBS, BDS, Nursing or other specialisations. Common foundational courses based on medical pluralism will be followed by core courses focused on specific systems, and electives that encourage bridging across systems. Graduates from other medical disciplines such as nursing, dental etc., will also be allowed lateral entry into the MBBS course. A medical education qualification framework to achieve this will be developed in conjunction with the NMC'*.

Draft NEP 2019 under its Para 16.8.3 also proposes that *'Just as the NEET has been introduced as a common entrance examination for the MBBS, a common exit examination for the MBBS will be introduced (as has been suggested in the National Medical*

Commission Bill) that will play a dual role as also the entrance examination for admission into postgraduate programmes. This exit examination will be administered at the end of the fourth year of the MBBS so that students are relieved of the burden of studying for a separate, competitive entrance examinations at the end of their residency period. With the entrance examination out of the way, they can spend their residency period acquiring valuable skills and competence. Similar common exit examinations can also be conducted for dental education and other disciplines as needed’.

At this stage, the draft NEP 2019 has been uploaded on MHRD’s website and also at innovate.mygov.in platform to elicit suggestions/comments from all stakeholders including the public, Government of India Ministries and State Governments. The Government will finalize the National Education Policy only after considering the inputs/suggestions and comments of all stakeholders.
