

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1137
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD DECEMBER, 2021**

FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES IN NITRD

1137. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD) is an autonomous body, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received several complaints of flouting of guidelines in NITRD in retirement and promotion process, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the retirement age of Head of Department (HOD) is 65 years and retirement age of all other posts including Research Cadre is 60 years, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether instances of financial irregularities have taken place in NITRD wherein persons due to retire at the age of 60 years have been promoted as HOD and if so, the details of such irregularities during last five years; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to take action against the officers found guilty after conducting proper investigation of irregularities being committed in NITRD and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (e): National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD), New Delhi is an Autonomous Institute under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860.

Representation from a doctor was received several times for considering him to be designated as Head of the Microbiology Department at NITRD. The same was examined by the Grievance Committee of NITRD and the doctor was replied to appropriately.

As per the Department of Personnel and Training Gazette Notification No.G.S.R. 767(E) dated 11th August, 2018, Fundamental (Second Amendment) Rules, 2018, in Rule 56, clause (bb) (i), the age of superannuation in respect of the doctors belonging to, inter-alia, Central Health Service shall be 62 years, unless they exercise the option of posting to Teaching, Clinical, Patient care, Implementation of Health programmes, Public Health programmes and functions including advisory and consultancy depending on their expertise and experience, in case they desire to continue in their service upto the age of 65 years. The same has been implemented in NITRD with the approval of the Governing Body of the Institute.

Accordingly, the retirement age of Head of Department (HoD) is 62 years.