

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 02.03.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF SAMBASIVA RAO COMMITTEE**

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SHRI R.C. SINGH

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532. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Sambasiva Rao Committee had recommended for making one year rural posting mandatory for MBBS doctors who wish to take up PG Medical Degrees;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government has not accepted this recommendation;
- (c) whether the Medical Council of India (MCI) is in favour of accepting the recommendations of Sambasiva Rao Committee; and
- (d) if so, what efforts Government is making to amend the Medical Council of India's Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations so as to make it mandatory for PG aspirants to work for one year in rural areas?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (d) The Sambasiva Rao Committee had recommended that one year rural posting may be made mandatory for the MBBS doctors desirous of pursuing Postgraduate Medical Degree Courses. While the Central Government and the Medical Council of India have not made the rural posting mandatory to pursue Postgraduate Medical Degree courses, the following Medical Council of India's Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations have been amended to encourage doctors to serve in the rural areas:

- 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.