

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
EQUAL MEDICAL FACILITIES TO ALL IN THE COUNTRY .

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide equal medical attendance facilities to all in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;
- (c) whether Government also proposes to start a new alternative model medical education system with a view of creating rural health manpower in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) Government of India launched the National Rural Health Mission to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the rural population, especially the vulnerable sections. To enable the State Governments to provide medical facilities to all in the country, NRHM supports the States on provisioning of appropriate physical infrastructure, augmentation of human resources, equipment, emergency transport, drugs, diagnostics and other support.

(c) & (d) In order to tackle acute shortage of doctors in rural areas the Union Government has been exploring various options, one of which is to introduce a short term rural medical course. This course namely "Bachelor of Rural Health Care" will be of three years duration with 6 months internship and taught in Medical Schools attached to the District Hospitals. It is especially designed for those who have completed their schooling and passed the qualifying examination from notified rural areas of the District.