

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2996
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th March, 2022**

UNCERTAINTY IN MEDICAL STUDIES DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

2996 SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact the National Medical Commission (NMC) does not recognise online education for medical courses;
- (b) if so, whether Government will direct NMC to revoke the decision to include students whose medical course is in uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (c) whether any Panel or Commission has been formed so far to resolve the complaints and interruptions of medical studies of students studying abroad?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c): In view of the unforeseen circumstances emerged due to COVID-19, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has already validated and approved online theory classes for MBBS students during COVID period, supplemented by practical and clinical training as per current curriculum in all MBBS subjects in colleges/ institutions.

Moreover, NMC, for the betterment of Indian student pursuing medical studies abroad, vide circular dated 04.03.2022 has allowed foreign medical graduates with incomplete internship due to such compelling situation which is beyond their control such as Covid 19 pandemic etc. to complete their remaining part of internship in India subject to the condition that such candidates must have cleared FMGE (Screening Test), which is mandatory for Indian students with foreign medical qualification to practice medicine in India.
