

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1168
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th February, 2023

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHLY SKILLED POST GRADUATES

1168. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the job opportunities have been identified and created to utilize the knowledge of the highly-skilled Post Graduates like doctor of pharmacy, given the vast medical dispensation available to the Ministry, Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast-Guard and DRDO laboratories; and
- (b) if so, the details of the initiatives taken?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The minimum basic qualification for induction of Doctors in Army Medical Corps (AMC) of Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) is MBBS Degree. However, the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune offers Post Graduate course in Pharmacology for Doctors of AFMS. After graduating in these courses, the services of these Doctors are utilised in AFMS at AFMC, Pune for academic/teaching purposes and in larger hospitals of AFMS in their specialization.

In DRDO, two of the laboratories viz Defence Research Development Establishment (DRDE), Gwalior and Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Applied Sciences (INMAS), Delhi work on development of drugs for medical protection against chemical agents and protection, and mitigation against radiation. As and when the need is projected by the laboratories, the scientific manpower from the pharmaceutical discipline are inducted for research, and their knowledge is utilised adequately.
