

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1406
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st August, 2023**

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN THE COUNTRY

1406. LT.GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS (RETD.):

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

- (a) the number of health professionals who went abroad during the last ten years;
- (b) the number of health professionals who returned among them; and
- (c) the contribution of health professionals in bringing foreign exchange to the country?

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

(a) to (c): As informed by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), there are approximately 1.2 million Indian students studying abroad including all streams of education. However, specific data of Indian students pursuing medical courses abroad or health professionals working abroad is not available. Further, the data on departure and arrival of Indians is maintained by the concerned agencies. However, there is no index for capturing the category of Indians going abroad as health professionals.
