

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1081  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th DECEMBER, 2023**

**DEMAND OF DOCTORS AND NURSES IN FOREIGN COUNTRY**

**1081. LT. GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS (RETD.):**

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

- (a) whether there is substantial demand for Indian doctors and nursing staff in foreign countries;
- (b) the steps taken to ensure dual accreditation or the implementation of Joint Degree Programmes for Indian doctors and nursing staff seeking opportunities in foreign countries;
- (c) the manner in which Government is collaborating with international accreditation bodies to secure recognition for Indian medical degrees abroad; and
- (d) whether there are specific policies encouraging Indian medical professionals to engage in Joint Degree Programmes, and the manner in which these programs enhance their global mobility?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) : As per the National Medical Commission (NMC) and Indian Nursing Council (INC), no specific data related to substantial demand for Indian doctors and nursing staff in foreign countries is maintained.
- (b) to (d) : As per Indian Nursing Council (INC), the following steps have been taken in respect of nursing staff:
  - i. INC has approved overseas blended model in nursing education to empower nursing students to work abroad. A Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) has been signed in 2022 between a Canadian University and an Indian Nursing Institution through INC for

nurses wanting to work in Canada that includes country, hospital, professional and code of ethics which are included in Canadian course.

- ii. INC has developed the Bridge Training Programme with the objective to impart knowledge based on country specification requirement relevant to patient care for nurses migrating to overseas and to enhance the competencies on key areas for adaption in country specific health care delivery system.
- iii. Agreement has been signed with Republic of Singapore for facilitating Indian Nurses interested to work overseas.
- iv. There was need to teach Japanese language in all North Eastern States and INC has signed MoU with National Skill Development Corporation to place Japanese teachers in North East States. Japanese Language for students of North Eastern states has been launched at Regional College of Nursing, Guwahati, Assam wef. June 2023 and this course is offered free of cost to nursing students.
- v. INC has allowed Nursing students to take foreign language as optional subject/ course in B.Sc.(N) & GNM program.
- vi. INC has taken resolution to promote foreign candidate to study in nursing in India. 25% reservation under supernumerary has been considered for the institutions having parent hospital of more than or equal to 300 beds. 10% reservation under supernumerary has been considered for the institutions having parent hospital less than 300 beds.

Moreover, NMC has received World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) accreditation in September, 2023 for next 10 years which paves the way for students with Indian Medical Degrees for appearing in eligibility examinations of different countries like United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) etc.

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