

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3459  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025**

**NEONATOLOGY AT VMCC AND SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry plans to establish a Department of Neonatology at VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, and whether the DM Neonatology course is scheduled to commence in the upcoming academic calendar;
- (b) if so, the details of steps and initiatives undertaken by the Ministry in the past two years to create the Department of Neonatology and initiate the DM Neonatology program at VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital; and
- (c) the manner in which the Ministry intends to address and resolve any existing deficiencies in faculty positions that are required to run the DM Neonatology course effectively?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c) Establishment of new departments to provide affordable healthcare, quality medical education and cater to the need of specialists in country is a continuous process which is undertaken from time to time with due consideration to regulatory requirements. Infrastructure development, post creation, record keeping are pre-requisites for starting Doctorate in Medicine (DM) course. One Professor with DM (Neonatology) qualification is already available at Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital (VMMC & SJH). Five posts of Assistant Professor Neonatology have been created in May, 2023 at VMMC & SJH. Against these newly created 5 posts, three Assistant Professors Neonatology have joined VMMC & SJH recently.

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