

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1073
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY, 2026**

DECLINING FMGE PASS RATE IN 2026

1073. SHRI I.S. INBADURAI:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note that only about 12 percent students passed Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) 2026, if so, the details thereof including reasons for decline, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether quality of foreign medical education and screening standards under FMGE have contributed to low pass rates, if so, the details thereof including evaluation findings, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government proposes reforms in FMGE, syllabus alignment and support mechanisms for Indian students studying abroad, if so, the details thereof including timelines, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): The Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) is conducted by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) in accordance with the provisions of the Screening Test Regulations for Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) seeking provisional or permanent registration with the National Medical Commission (NMC) or the respective State Medical Councils (SMCs). The purpose of FMGE is to assess whether a candidate possesses knowledge and competence required to be granted registration to practice medicine in India.

The pass rate in FMGE depends on multiple factors, including the quality of medical education imparted, individual candidate's level of knowledge and performance in the examination. The overall pass percentage in FMGE June 2026 is 12.78%. Amongst freshers (those who have appeared for the first time), the pass percentage is more than 35%. Around 88% candidates who had applied for FMGE June 2026 session were repeaters.

It is relevant to note that undergraduate medical curricula followed in different countries may vary from that of India, particularly with respect to public health priorities, national health programs and disease patterns.

Any changes relating to the eligibility criteria, syllabus or regulatory framework governing FMGs are considered by the NMC from time to time in accordance with the statutory provisions and stakeholder requirements.
