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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4093 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2016

THREE YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

4093. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to start three years Bachelor of Science in Community Health course in State Universities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether before formulating this scheme, consultations with experts and related institutions have been done and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether adequate number of teachers capable to teach this course are available in the Universities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

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

- (a): The Central Government has approved for introduction of a course namely, Bachelor of Science (Community Health). The curriculum of the course was prepared by Medical Council of India (MCI) and further fine-tuned and finalized by National Board of Examinations (NBE), which will accredit the course. The Ministry has requested the States to implement the course.
- (b): The Medical Council of India had constituted a Committee with representation of experts and stakeholders.
- (c) to (e): 'Health' being a State subject, the primary responsibility to implement the course lies with State Governments. Under the National Health Mission, technical and financial support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening health care system including for implementing BSc (CH).

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