

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4363
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2017**

HEALTHCARE SECTOR

4363. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has entered in to an agreement with Tata Trusts and GE Healthcare that aims to train 10,000 youth in various technical areas of the Healthcare sectors in three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to bridge the growing gap between demand supply of healthcare professionals;
- (c) the measures undertaken by the Government to bridge the skills gap among healthcare staff in technical or operating roles; and
- (d) whether there are any special provisions for women and men belonging to rural areas, if so, the details thereof, if not, the alternative steps taken to provide them to requisite skills?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) to (c): No. With an objective to upscale the quality and quantity of skilled manpower under the initiative of “Skills for Life, Save a Life”, the Ministry has standardized several short term courses in healthcare sector. One such course, viz., 'First Responder' has been started on 1st July, 2017.

- More than 200 candidates have been trained so far.
- Over 35 Central/State training institutions have been oriented for running such courses.
- Training of Trainers have been conducted for over 18 States.

(d): At present, there is no special provision for women and men belonging to rural areas.