

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3160  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

**RURAL POSTING**

**3160. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make one year rural posting mandatory for MBBS degree holders desirous of seeking admission in post-graduate programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to make one year rural service mandatory for the doctors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government for improving doctor patient ratio in the country particularly in rural and remote areas?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (d): The issue of compulsory rural posting has been left to the State Governments who are the principal employers of doctors. Health being a State subject the primary responsibility to ensure availability of doctors lies with the State Government. However, to encourage doctors working in remote and difficult areas, the MCI with the previous approval of Central Government, has amended the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to provide :-

- I. 50% of the seats in Post Graduate Diploma Courses shall be reserved for Medical Officers in the Government service, who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas. After acquiring the PG Diploma, the Medical Officers shall serve for two more years in remote and/or difficult areas; and
- II. Incentive at the rate of 10% of the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas as upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.

Further, under, NHM, financial incentives are also provided to MBBS as well as PG doctors for serving in the rural areas. These incentives are over and above the salaries of the doctors concerned.