

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4853
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018

Postgraduate Degree in Physiotherapy

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of colleges/universities, both Government and autonomous/private offering Bachelor/Masters/Ph.D degrees in physiotherapy in the country;
- (b) the number of physiotherapy degrees awarded till date in above categories by University Grants Commission(UGC);
- (c) whether UGC is framing guidelines for physiotherapy curriculum and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether UGC has set up any Committee to frame physiotherapy curriculum, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the number of physiotherapists who are part of the above said Committee; and
- (f) whether Diploma in Physiotherapy and Postgraduate Diploma in physiotherapy and nutrition course are equivalent and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) & (b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that 234 Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) offer Physiotherapy courses at UG/PG/Ph.D/Diploma level. Further, 1402 Master of Physiotherapy (MPT) and 5962 Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) degrees have been awarded by Universities during 2016-17.

(c) to (e): No, Madam. However, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that a technical task force comprising of Physiotherapy experts had been constituted for standardization of Physiotherapy curriculum including various aspects such as illustrative career pathway, job roles at different levels, skills and competencies after attaining Bachelors and Masters degree. The standardized curriculum is available at https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Model%20Curriculum%20Handbook_PT_11%20September%202017%20%28Final%29%20%281%29_0.pdf .

(f): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that Diploma in Physiotherapy and Postgraduate Diploma in physiotherapy and nutrition course are not equivalent.
