

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2007
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2018**

MEDICAL EDUCATION

2007. COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that youths of the country are going abroad particularly to Russia and China to get medical education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government recognises such doctors trained abroad as qualified doctors to practice in the country under the regulations of Indian Medical Council and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is taking concrete steps to provide opportunity in the field of medical education in the country and stop migration of youth; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Some students migrate abroad including Russia and China for pursuing medical education. Section 13(4A) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 prescribes that an Indian citizen who obtains primary medical qualification (undergraduate) granted by any medical institution outside the country shall have to qualify screening test and the foreign medical qualification obtained by such person shall be deemed to be the recognised medical qualification after such person qualifies the said screening test.

(c) & (d): The Government has taken various measures to increase the availability of medical seats in the country. 82 Government medical colleges have been approved under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for establishment of new medical colleges in underserved areas in 21 States/UTs. There is another scheme for strengthening/ upgradation of existing State Government/Central Government Medical Colleges to increase MBBS seats. Government has also relaxed the norms for Medical College in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed strength and other infrastructure to facilitate the setting up of new medical colleges. During the last five years 118 new medical colleges have been established. The MBBS intake capacity has been increased by 18635 seats during the same period.