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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1073 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2019

UPGRADING OF PHYSIOTHERAPY COURSE

1073. DR. K. KAMARAJ:

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

- (a) whether the diploma courses in physiotherapy have been upgraded to Bachelors Degree and if so, the objectives and reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government had conducted any study regarding the impact of such an upgradation;
- (c) whether the specialisation courses like ortho, cardio, sports and neurology in physiotherapy are available and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for starting these courses; and
- (d) the details of employment opportunities, pay scales and group of services likely to be inducted in Government services for physiotherapists?

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

- (a): No.
- (b): Does not arise
- (c): As per the Model Curriculum, Masters courses suggested in Physiotherapy stream includes the following streams:
 - a Musculoskeletal Disorders and Sports
 - b Neurological and Psychosomatic disorders.
 - c Cardio- Respiratory Disorders.
 - d Community Physiotherapy.
 - e Pediatrics
 - f Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Details of the same may be accessed on the following link:

https://mohfw.gov.in/sites/default/files/Model%20Curriculum%20Handbook_PT_11%20September%202017%20%28Final%29%20%281%29_0.pdf

(d): Physiotherapy positions are released by Government/ autonomous institutions, based on their requirement and as per their extant rules and regulations. 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC) has recommended replacement pay levels for physiotherapists.