

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1399  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019

**Upgradation of Physiotherapy Diploma Courses**

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

- (a) the rationale/objective behind upgrading physiotherapy from Diploma course to Degree course;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to know the impact;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the specialisation courses like Ortho, Cardio, Sports and Neurology etc. in physiotherapy have been started during the last four years;
- (e) if so, the details of objectives achieved in this regard; and
- (f) the details of employment opportunities in Government sector for Specialist Physiotherapists along with the pay scales and group of services they are likely to be inducted and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has not issued guidelines for upgrading physiotherapy from Diploma course to Degree course. However, UGC has specified Bachelor of Physiotherapy (BPT) and Master of Physiotherapy (MPT) degrees in its list of 'specified nomenclature of degrees' published in the Gazette of India on 5th July, 2014. The Universities are free to offer these courses, if they so desire, as per the specification of degrees for BPT and MPT.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has informed that no specialized courses like Ortho, Cardio, Sports and Neurology etc. in Physiotherapy have been started during the last four years.

(f): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has informed that Physiotherapy positions are advertised by Government/Autonomous institutions/hospitals, based on their requirement and as per their extant rules and regulations. 7<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission has recommended replacement pay levels for physiotherapists.

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