

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3237  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**DUAL ROLE OF NURSES AS EDUCATOR AND PRACTITIONER**

**3237. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce 'dual role' of nurses as educator and practitioners in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the reason behind the move to introduce 'dual role' in the medical system;
- (b) whether the Government has taken views/suggestions from those concerned in this regard and if so, the details thereof and impediments faced in implementation to the said move; and
- (c) whether the Government has made any pilot project in this regard, if so, the details and the success rate thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): Yes. The integration of Nursing Education and Services aims to achieve optimal patient care and to improve the quality of nursing education in the country, besides ensuring utilisation of specialised nurses in direct patient care and reduce the gap between theory and Nursing Practice. This Ministry and Indian Nursing Council has also started the Nurse Practitioner in Critical Care (NPCC) Programme.
- (b): A concept paper on integration of Nursing Education and Services has already been circulated by Indian Nursing Council, vide notification dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 to all stakeholders including State Governments, State Nursing Council etc. for adoption with an aim to improving the quality of Nursing Education and quality of patient care. However, the decision on its implementation is taken by the respective stakeholders. This is just a Concept Paper and no directives are issued to follow the dual role.
- (c): This model has been piloted in the St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore, Karnataka. The outcome of pilot study has shown improved patient care, improved standards of nursing care and increased patient satisfaction.

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