

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2788  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023**

**DOCTOR OF PHARMACY GRADUATE**

**2788. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:**

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to permit Doctor of Pharmacy Graduate to prescribe Medicine independently and if so, the details thereof;
- b) whether the Government proposes to post Pharma Graduate in Hospital and Community Centres and if so, the intended objective thereof;
- c) whether pharmacists have been absorbed in different Government projects for being a technical post and if so, the number of pharmacists absorbed thereof;
- d) whether the Government proposes to provide equal work and equal salary to such pharmacist in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- e) whether the Government proposes to enhance salary of Tea sector pharmacist and authorize them to perform such duty in absence of Medical Officer and if so, the details thereof; and
- f) whether the Government proposes to set up any Drug Testing Laboratory at Assam as functioning of Regional Drug Testing Laboratory is not satisfactory and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (f): The National Medical Commission has informed that writing a prescription is dependent on examining the patients and making a diagnosis and has not agreed to the proposal of Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) for writing of prescription to pharmacist.

The recruitment of Pharmacists in the Government Hospitals including Tea Sector, and their salaries, the eligible qualifications for the posts of pharmacists in the hospitals in any State is governed by the rules of the respective State Government. However, PCI has issued Pharmacy Practice Regulations, 2015 and amendment thereafter, as per which, there is a

provision for Pharm.D graduates for working in the hospitals at various positions. Further D Pharm and B Pharm are eligible to work as Community Pharmacists to provide patient care which optimizes the use of medication and promotes health, wellness and disease prevention in collaboration with physicians and other health care professionals.

A Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory (RDTL) is functional at Guwahati, Assam. The RDTL has tested 3285 samples in 2022 as compared to 1133 samples in 2018.

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