

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4150
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th DECEMBER, 2024**

DM COURSE IN GENETICS AND ENDOCRINOLOGY

4150. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the eligibility criteria for the Doctorate of Medicine (DM) superspeciality course in Genetics and Endocrinology are restricted to certain medical qualifications, excluding MD Biochemistry which was previously considered eligible;
- (b) the rationale behind not allowing MD Biochemistry graduates for super-specialization in Genetics and Endocrinology, despite the relevance of their curriculum to these fields;
- (c) whether the Ministry acknowledge that MD Biochemistry is well-suited for a super-specialization in Genetics and Endocrinology, and that such a move is likely to benefit both the medical profession and healthcare services; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to revise the eligibility criteria to include MD Biochemistry graduates for DM courses in Genetics and Endocrinology so as to enhance opportunities for more qualified healthcare professionals?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d): The National Medical Commission was constituted by the Government under the provisions of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019. Section 10(a) of the NMC Act, 2019 empowers the Commission to lay down policies for maintaining high quality and standards in medical education and to make necessary regulations in this regard. Further, Section 57 of the NMC Act, 2019 also mandates the Commission to make various regulations consistent with this Act and the rules made thereunder, to carry out its provisions. In pursuance of its powers and functions, the Commission has framed regulation, which, inter alia, specify the eligibility criteria for the Doctorate of Medicine (DM) super-speciality course in Genetics and Endocrinology.
