

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3575
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2026**

MEDICAL SEATS IN CRMI

**3575. DR. T SUMATHY ALIAS THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:
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Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Medical Commission (NMC) has drastically reduced the number of seats in Compulsory Rotational Medical Internship (CRMI) for those qualified as Foreign Medical Graduates during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to address the issues of Foreign Medical Graduates in getting CRMI seats in this regard?

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

(a) to (c): As informed by the National Medical Commission (NMC), the number of seats for Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) undergoing the Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship (CRMI) has not been reduced.

Further, NMC has issued specific guidelines governing the internship for FMGs, as laid down in the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate (FMGL) Regulations, 2021 and the Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship (CRMI) Regulations, 2021. These regulations are intended to standardize the internship process and ensure that FMGs receive clinical training comparable to that of Indian Medical Graduates (IMGs) prior to the grant of permanent registration in India.

Moreover, as per CRMI Regulations, following measures have been taken for FMGs for completion of the FMG internship after passing examination:

- i. FMGs may be posted first in colleges which have been newly opened.
- ii. They may be posted to different medical colleges or institutions through a counseling or seat allocation process based on the merit.
- iii. The number of seats permitted for internship or clinical clerkship will be 7.5% of the permitted seats in old colleges who have their students pursuing CRMI and shall be 100% in new medical colleges who do not have their students doing CRMI.
