

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3596
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2026**

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

†3596. SHRI SANATAN PANDEY:

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

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide specialized training to medical professionals and paramedical staff to deal with current COVID-19 pandemic situations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to restructure diploma and undergraduate courses to include various types of pandemics and their treatment and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has considered making it mandatory to attain specialization in at least one type of pandemic alongside specialized branches of Medicine and Surgery during post-graduate studies and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) and (b) As per National Medical Commission, a competency based module has been introduced in August 2020. It is a longitudinal module on Management of Pandemics for MBBS course. It is designed in a manner that the MBBS (UG) student acquires the competencies not only to manage the illness but also the social, legal and other issues arising from any outbreak/epidemic/pandemic.

Indian Nursing Council (INC) has prepared various webinar series on nursing management of COVID-19 pandemic, which have been published in public domain. INC has revised B.Sc. (N) syllabus in the year 2021 into competency based syllabus which has been successfully rolled out throughout the Country and Covid-19 has been included under Nursing management of communicable diseases under Adult Health Nursing & community health nursing subjects. Also, General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) syllabus for nursing management of patients includes communicable diseases in theory and clinical trainings.

National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions has launched a new Competency-Based Curricula for Allied and Healthcare Professions, which include basic of epidemiology and public health, including risk factors, disease transmission; screening and outbreak investigation.

(c) The Indian Council of Medical Research is an apex body for formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research in the country and is as such not mandated to govern teaching curriculum of post-graduate studies.
