

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3222
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2026**

FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATE EXAMINATION (FMGE)

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of complaints about the rising difficulty level and low pass rates in the recently conducted Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed whether the current examination pattern, syllabus alignment and question design are disproportionately affecting genuine foreign medical graduates, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps the Government has taken or planning to take to improve transparency, predictability and fairness in the FMGE while maintaining standards;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to undertake any review of the FMGE framework in consultation with the National Medical Commission and other stakeholders; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (e): The Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) is conducted by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) in accordance with the provisions of the Screening Test Regulations for Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) seeking provisional or permanent registration with the National Medical Commission (NMC) or the respective State Medical Councils (SMCs). The pass rate in FMGE depends on multiple factors including the quality of medical education imparted, individual candidate's level of knowledge and performance in the examination.

The Syllabus for the FMGE comprises Subjects/Knowledge Areas as per the Competency based Undergraduate Curriculum published by NMC for the MBBS Course. Further, the questions for FMGE are developed through structured Question Banking and Item Writing workshops followed by Validation Workshops by a different group of subject experts. Each question is reviewed for content accuracy, relevance to the approved syllabus, reliability and validity. The overall process ensures that the examination maintains the expected standards of

MBBS graduate and assesses the knowledge and competence required for safe medical practice in the Indian healthcare system.

The FMGE is conducted strictly in accordance with the notified regulations and prescribed qualifying criteria. Any changes relating to the eligibility criteria, syllabus or regulatory framework governing FMGs are considered by the NMC from time to time in accordance with the statutory provisions and stakeholder requirements.
