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Nursing Course in AIIMS

3708. SHRI M.J. VARKEY MATTATHIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the B.Sc. (Hons.) Nursing course conducted by the AIIMS is for four year followed by two years bond for practical experience;

(b) whether Government have decided to discontinue the above pattern;

(c) if so, the reason therefore;

(d) whether it is a fact that AIIMS has issued termination notices to thirty two underbond students of the 1997 batch and the entire batch of 1999 is being denied the two years' bond facility; and

(e) if so, the steps contemplated by Government to redress the grievances of such students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) B.Sc. (Hons.) Nursing course conducted by AIIMS is of 4 years duration. However, it is not correct that course is followed by two years bond for practical experience.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The Institute had issued termination order to thirty two B.Sc. (Hons.) Nursing students of 1997 batch who have completed their bond period. However, they moved the Delhi High Court and the Court gave stay upto 1st May, 2000. All the forty six candidates of July, 1999 batch who have passed B.Sc. (Hons.) course in Nursing have been given ad-hoc appointment.

Local Purchase System in CGHS Unani System

3709. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for stopping the existing Local Purchase System in CGHS Unani System; and

(b) by whose orders and when this Local Purchase System was abolished causing inconvenience to the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) The local purchase system in CGHS Unani system of medicines at par with Allopathic System has not been started. Hence, the issue of abolishing the local purchase system does not arise.