

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) to (c) An Indian student who graduates from a Medical Institution abroad has to follow the procedure to get permanent registration, entitlement for practice and further studies in India:—

- (i) Obtain eligibility certificate issued by the Medical Council of India at the time of admission;
- (ii) Appear for Screening Test conducted by National Board of Examinations;
- (iii) On successful completion of Screening Test, provisional registration for internship training is awarded by the Medical Council of India;
- (iv) After completion of internship training, permanent registration is granted by the Medical Council of India.

#### **Consumption of junk food**

1280. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether studies have revealed that consumption of junk food causes obesity;
- (b) if so, whether his Ministry has taken/proposed to take measures discouraging the consumption of junk food by children; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) There are a few studies to indicate a positive co-relation between consumption of junk food and obesity leading to diet related chronic non communicable diseases.

(b) and (c) The Government is making efforts to make people aware of nutritious and healthy foods. Ministry has made request to all the States/UTs to consider issuing instruction for withdrawing Junk food/fast food and carbonated drinks from schools and colleges canteens. This Ministry has also developed IEC material *i.e.* posters and folders on Micronutrient deficiencies, diet related chronic disorders, promotion of healthy life styles for different age groups.

#### **Purchasing of Unani medicines**

1281. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the time taken in making local purchase of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Unani medicines is unduly long compared to that in CGHS Allopathy;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to solve this problem?