

Decline in doctor-patient ratio in the country

2678.SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMAN RAO ADIK:

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

- (a) whether the doctor-patient ratio is on the decline in the country particularly in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of doctors compared to the current population;
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the number of doctors in proportion to the increase in population; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) While there is shortage of doctors in the country, no specific data is available as to trend in the doctor-patient ratio over the period.

(c) and (d) To facilitate setting up of more medical colleges, the Medical Council of India Regulations are reviewed from time to time and recent amendments made in the criteria of land requirement, teacher-student ratio, bed-strength and incentives given to doctors serving in the rural areas. There is an approved centrally sponsored scheme for strengthening and upgradation of State Government medical colleges with an allocation of Rs. 1350 crore during 11th Plan for starting /increasing PG courses.

Rising cases of diabetes in the country

2679.SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA.BHARTIA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the number of persons affected by diabetes is increasing at a rapid pace in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any study/survey has been conducted to assess the same;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Central Government in consultation with the State Governments proposes to launch an awareness campaign to educate people about the hazards of diabetes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) As per report published by International Diabetes Federation (IDF: 9th Edition, 2009), estimated cases of diabetes patients (20-79 years) in the year 2010 in India are projected to be around 50.7 million, the highest in the list of countries reported in IDF, 2009 report.

No recent study has been undertaken by Government of India to find out the number of diabetics in the country.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has formulated a draft National Programme for Prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (NPDCS) in consultation with all Stake holders including State Governments at an estimated cost of Rs.499.38 crore, which has been considered and approved by the Expenditure Financial Committee on 8th March, 2010.

One of the major objectives of the proposed NPDCS is prevention and control of NON Communicable Diseases (NCDs) including diabetes through behavior and lifestyle change using mass media, interpersonal communication and community based activities.

Food adulteration

†2680. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the trade of food adulteration is constantly on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measure being taken by Government to check the same; and
- (d) the details of the adulterated food items and their quantity seized by Government till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) According to the information provided by the State/U.T. Governments, the percentage of adulteration in food articles declined from 11.03 percent of the samples collected in 2003 to 7.21 percent in 2008.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.