

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