

(a) whether Government has conducted any study about the effect on health of mobile phone users, kids, in particular;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) to (c) Post Graduate institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh has studied the side effects of use of mobile phone and found that long-term and intensive use of mobile phone may cause inner ear damage.

#### **Reservations of IMA to bachelor of Rural Health Care**

2516. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has opposed the concept of 'Bachelor of Rural Health Care' Course being promoted by Government to meet the shortage of doctors in rural India;

(b) whether the IMA has called for examining other options for meeting the shortage of doctors in rural areas by increasing the retirement age of mainstream doctors to 65 years and allowing reemployment after retirement on attractive salary and perks exclusively to work in rural areas; and

(c) whether the IMA has also suggested that Government should consider offering serving doctors in urban areas more salaries and allowances at par with such facilities granted to defence personnel working in remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

#### **Takeover of Indian Pharma Companies by Foreign Companies**

2517. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: