

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) Number of doctors (medical practitioners) who sought Good Standing Certificate from Medical Council of India (MCI) for going abroad during the last three years is as under:—

Year	No. of Good Standing Certificates issued
2008	985
2009	1381
2010	1251

(c) The extant regulations do not prohibit any medical practitioner from migrating to foreign countries.

Introduction of injectable contraceptive

2099. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce injectable contraceptive shortly;
- (b) if so, the main features of the same;
- (c) whether the Drug Technical Advisory Body has approved this contraceptive; and
- (d) the time by when the injectable contraceptive is likely to be a part of the nationwide family planning programme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Drug Technical Advisory Board has so far not recommended introduction of Depot Medroxyprogesterone acetate which is an injectable contraceptive in the family planning programme of the Government.

As such, there is no proposal for its introduction as part of the Family Planning Programme at present.

Achievements of the National Population Commission

2100. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Population Commission has any mandate to take steps to contain population;
- (b) if so, the achievements of the Commission during the last two years;
- (c) whether there is Population Stabilization Fund in the country;