

having body donation banks from where the medical colleges receive dead bodies for academic purposes and teaching requirement.

(d) To improve and promote medical education in the country, the Central Government has amended the regulations rationalizing/relaxing the norms in terms of teaching faculty, land requirement, bed strength and other infrastructural facilities.

(e) The Central Government has proposed to set up a National Commissions for Human Resources for Health (NCHRH) as an overarching regulatory for health sector to reform the current regulatory framework. The proposed NCHRH will coordinate all aspects of medical, dental, nursing, pharmacy and paramedical education.

Introduction of Bachelor's degree in rural healthcare

1650. SHRI N. K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

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

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce a Bachelor's Degree in Rural Health care in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the level of qualifications to be imparted therein; and

(c) the details of planning and it's role in fostering public health?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Government is planning to introduce a 3½ year rural health care course - Bachelor of Rural Health Care (BRHC), which has been framed after taking into consideration views of various stakeholders including States. The course is proposed to be taught in the District Hospitals and is especially designed for those who have completed their schooling and passed their qualifying examination, i.e. 10 + 2 examination, from notified rural areas of the district. The purpose of the proposed course is to generate a cadre of health care providers who by the virtue of the way they are chosen, trained, deployed and supported would be motivated to live in and provide comprehensive primary health care in the rural areas at the Sub-Centre level.

National policy for containment of antibiotic resistance

1651. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: