Exodus of doctors from the country

1646. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of doctors who graduated in the last three years in the country, year-wise;
- (b) how much money was spent by Government on educating these doctors; and
- (c) how many doctors have left the country in the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Medical Council of India (MCI) has informed that the following number of doctors have graduated in the last three years in the country:

Year	No. of doctors
2008	29990
2009	32276
2010	32356

- (b) No such data is available with the Ministry.
- (c) The MCI has informed that on the basis of total Good Standing Certificates issued by it between 2008 to 2010, a rough estimate of the number of doctors who have migrated to other countries is as under:

Year	No. of doctors migrated
2008	1002
2009	1386
2010	1264

Introduction of New Group Health Insurance Scheme

†1647. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in lieu of CGHS, Government proposes to introduce Group Health Insurance Scheme for newly appointed Central Government Employees to which Sixth Central Pay Commission has also made recommendation; and

[†]Original notice of the question was received in HIndi.

(b) if so, the time by which Government would announce its decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Sixth Central Pay Commission recommended introduction of health insurance scheme for Central Government employees and pensioners. It had recommended that for existing employees and pensioners, the scheme should be available on voluntary basis, subject to their paying prescribed contribution. It also recommended that the health insurance scheme should be compulsory for new Central Government employees who would be joining service after the introduction of the scheme.

Accordingly, the Central Government has taken action to introduce the health insurance scheme for the Central Government employees and pensioners on pan-India basis in consultation with other concerned Ministries/Departments. It will be implemented if found feasible, after obtaining all requisite approvals. No time frame can be given for its introduction.

Shortage in human resources in health sector

1648. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present scenario so far as human resources in health sector is concerned;
- (b) whether there is a considerable shortage of human resources in health sector in the country;
- (c) if so, the magnitude of this shortage, so far, female and male health worker, radiographer, lab technician, specialists at Community Health Centres (CHCs) and doctors are concerned; and
- (d) the steps taken to make the human resources available in line with the Indian Public Health Service Standards?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per the current estimation, the doctor-population ratio works out to 1:2000 approximately. In addition there are more than six lakh practitioners of Indian system of Medicine and Homoeopathy. Similarly, the nurse-population ratio is 1:1130 and the doctor-nurse ratio is around 1:1.5.