

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:

(a) whether Government has formalized a National Policy for Containment of Antibiotic Resistance;

(b) whether this policy also restricts the recommendation of junior doctors in hospital for third and fourth generation antibiotics to patients until the head of department sanctions it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Task Force was constituted under the Chairmanship of the Director General of Health Services to assess, review and suggest measures on anti-microbial resistant. The Task Force, in its recommendations, has inter alia suggested to include a separate Schedule under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules to regulate sale of antibiotics, curtailing availability of Fixed Dose combinations, colour coding of third generation of antibiotics and restricting their access only to tertiary care hospitals, development of standardised AST (Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing) methodology, development of detailed Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) for microbial identification and for reporting and training of doctors, etc.

The recommendations of the Task Force have been under consideration of the Government.

Rise in incidents of adulteration of food items

†1652. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI:

SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of adulteration in food items have increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of people died and the number of affected families across the country due to food adulteration during the last three years; and

(d) the action taken by Government against adulterators during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) As per the information received from States/U.Ts, the

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