

the Government of Bihar, there are 533 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the State at Block level, with are elsewhere called Community Health Centres and all these PHCs are functional. Simultaneously 1544 Additional Primary Health Centres, elsewhere called PHCs are also functional in the State.

(c) and (d) The Government of Bihar have informed that the number of Primary Health Centres has not decreased in the last three years.

#### **Conducting of CAT by MCI**

2246. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the proposal of Medical Council of India (MCI) for conducting common admission test for all medical degree courses in the country;

(b) if not, whether Government intends to approve the proposal;

(c) whether the MCI has power to conduct the common admission test without Government approvals;

(d) whether the States have been consulted about this test; and

(e) if so, whether any State has opposed the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Central Government has, in principle, approved the proposal of Medical Council of India (MCI) for conducting the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to medical courses across the country.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

(e) A few State Governments have expressed apprehension about the proposed NEET which pertained to the syllabus, medium of test, reservation, etc.

#### **Rise in cancer, TB and diabetes cases**

2247. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:

DR. T.N. SEEMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that number of cancer, TB and diabetes patients has increased in the country;

(b) if so, the number of deaths occurred from these diseases, disease-wise, during the last three years, State/UT-wise;