

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) No such data is maintained centrally. However, the doctors, registered with Medical Council of India (MCI), who go abroad for pursuing courses or for employment need to obtain Good Standing Certificates (GSCs) from MCI. As per information furnished by MCI, only 1368 GSCs were issued in the year 2011 and 709 were issued GSCs in 2012 (upto 16.08.2012).

(d) In order to arrest this trend in respect of doctors working under Government Sector, the following steps have been taken by the Central Government:

- (i) Pay and allowances of doctors have been enhanced considerably after implementation of the 6th Central Pay Commission,
 - (ii) The age of superannuation of faculty of medical institutions has been enhanced to 65 years,
 - (iii) Assured Promotion Scheme for faculty of Central Government Institutions has been revised to make it more beneficial,
 - (iv) Various allowances available to faculty like Non Practicing Allowance, Conveyance Allowance, Learning Resource Allowance, etc. have been enhanced considerably.
- (e) No such data is available with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- (f) In view of (e) above, question does not arise.

Discontinuation of NFHS

1790. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to discontinue the National Family Health Survey (NFHS);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received many recommendations that the NFHS-IV should not be scrapped; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the view of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government in consultation with various stakeholders has decided to conduct an integrated survey in place of different surveys to provide district level data for the relevant indicators and it would be named as National Family Health Survey (NFHS).

(c) and (d) The requests for continuation of NFHS were received from Planning Commission, National Advisory Council, Ministry of Woman and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development. It was also agreed in the meeting of Mission Steering Group of National rural Health Mission held on 16th April, 2012 that the data collected through NFHS continues to be obtained in such a way in ensure inter-temporal comparison.

Road map on universal healthcare

1791. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn a road map on 'universal healthcare' based on Srinath Committee Report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government proposes to dovetail this plan in the health sector plan of the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The recommendations of the High Level Expert Group (HLEG) on Universal Health Coverage, headed by Dr. K. Srinath Reddy, are considered by Planning Commission, for formulating the Twelfth Five Year Plan which is subject to approval by the National Development Council (NDC), for implementation by the Government.

Vaccine for cervical cancer

1792. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cervical cancer patients is increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the details thereof. State-wise;