

Migration of doctors from government hospitals

†856. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of doctors who opted for VRS from All India Institute of Medical Sciences and other Government hospitals;
- (b) whether Government has framed any policy to fill up the vacant posts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Since January, 2012 to till date, 6 faculty have opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. One doctor has opted for VRS in Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry and two doctors in Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh in 2011-12.

(b) to (d) Vacancy position is assessed from time to time and filling up of the post is a continuous process.

High cases of cancer in Punjab

857. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that maximum cases of cancer patients are being found in Punjab as compared to other States;
- (b) if so, whether Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons/causes of such a large number of cancer patients; and
- (c) the kind of assistance Government is providing to Punjab Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No. An Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) team had visited several districts of Punjab in September, 2010 to assess, inter-alia, the magnitude of cancer occurrence in the State. The team noted that limited information on cancer occurrence in these areas was available through survey reports and the limited data suggested that the prevalence of cancer in the entire state of Punjab as indicated by the above surveys was not higher than other areas of India. In December, 2012, a cancer awareness and early detection project was

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