

Diagnosis) and M.Ch(Neuro Surgery) Courses. The matter is still under consideration of the Council. The last date for grant of permission of Broad specialties is 31st March, 2013 and Super Specialties is 15th June, 2013 for the academic year 2013-14.

Availability of affordable medicines near hospitals

1627. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to ensure affordability and availability of all medicines to the patients in the vicinity of hospitals across the country;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to open affordable medical stores near the Central and State Government Hospitals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be opened; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Since 'Health' is a State subject, it is up to the State Government to take decision in this regard. However, as far as three Central Government Hospital in Delhi i.e. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital and LHMC & associated Hospitals are concerned, there is a proposal to open Jan Aushadhi Store. Safdarjung Hospital has identified a space for construction of a suitable 24x7 Chemist shop in the premises of the hospital.

In these three Central Government Hospitals, all medicines are provided free of cost to admitted patients. In OPD, medicines are dispensed free of cost as per hospital formulary.

Effective implementation of PNDT Act

1628. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI D. RAJA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the female child ratio has been declining in Delhi for the last few years;