

**Improvement in medical services**

†273. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether medical services have not improved as per our expectations due to the shortage of doctors and less number of seats in medical colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to get rid of these problems?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) No.

- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) The Central Government has taken various measures to strengthen the human resource in the health sector which inter alia include the following:
  - (i) Relaxation in the norms for setting up of a medical college in terms of requirement for land, faculty, staff, bed/ bed strength and other infrastructure.
  - (ii) Enhancement of maximum intake capacity at MBBS level from 150 to 250.
  - (iii) Enhancement of age limit for appointment/extension/re-employment against posts of teachers/dean/principal/ director in medical colleges from 65-70 years.
  - (iv) Financial support to State medical colleges, under the scheme of “Strengthening and Upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges”, to increase postgraduate seats in various disciplines or to start new postgraduate medical courses.
  - (v) Establishment of eight AIIMS-like institutions (six in first phase and two in second phase) in the country under PMSSY.
  - (vi) In order to meet the shortage of ANM and GNM, the Government is establishing 132 ANM and 137 GNM schools in the country.

**Data collection on diseases**

274. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government collects information/data on various diseases from the States/UTs through periodic reports;

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