

(b) the steps being taken by Government to safeguard the domestic markets?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Scrapping of Medical Council of India

*97. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical Council of India (MCI) has failed in regulating the Medical Education in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NITI Aayog has recommended for scrapping the Medical Council of India which failed to increase the number of medical colleges in the country for producing more doctors in view of growing demand for healthcare services, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a new body is likely to be constituted in place of MCI, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) to (c) The Central Government had constituted a Group of Experts (GoE) headed by Late Dr. Ranjit Roy Choudhary to study the IMC Act, 1956 and make recommendations to the Government to make the MCI modern and suited to the prevailing conditions. The report of GoE was subsequently examined by the Parliamentary Standing Committee(PSC) and they too made their recommendations.

Further, a four member committee headed by Vice Chairman NITI Aayog was constituted to examine all options for reforms in MCI and suggest way forward. The Committee has framed a draft "National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill" which provides for constitution of NMC in place of MCI. The draft Bill has been relooked by a Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted for the purpose. The GoM has approved the draft Bill with some modifications.

Compensation for land acquired by Army in Arunachal Pradesh

*98. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army has acquired land from residents of Arunachal Pradesh in the districts of Tawang, West Kameng, Upper Subansiri, Dibang Valley, and West Siang among others following the 1962 war with China, if so, details thereof;