GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 76 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd February, 2021

ROLE OF PG STUDENTS IN CONTROLLING COVID-19

76 SHRI CHH. UDAYANRAJE BHONSLE: SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: SMT. CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that doctors pursuing PG courses are playing an important role in COVID-19 treatment;

(b) the number of such doctors who were/ are engaged in COVID-19 treatment alongside their studies;

(c) the details of the allowance and other facilities given to such doctors; and

(d) whether any concession has been given in the fees of these students in view of this difficult period?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a): Yes. The doctors pursuing PG courses are playing an important role in COVID-19 management.

(b): The Ministry in consultation with erstwhile Board of Governors of Medical Council of India issued an advisory to all States/UTs to utilize the services of PG students, Senior Residents and Junior Residents in the medical colleges during COVID-19 pandemic. The respective State/UT Government takes appropriate action on utilization of services of these doctors pursuing PG courses for COVID-19 pandemic, keeping in view of their requirement and prevailing circumstances and no such data is maintained centrally.

(c) & (d): The allowances, other facilities and concession, if any are decided by the concerned State/UT Government / medical college authorities.