

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1040
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH DECEMBER, 2021**

**SPECIAL TRAINING TO DOCTORS AND PARA-MEDICAL STAFF IN
HANDLING VARIOUS TYPES OF EPIDEMICS**

1040 # SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide special training to the practising doctors and para-medical staff to handle epidemic situations learning from the current COVID-19 experience;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the diploma and undergraduate courses should not be redesigned to include various types of epidemics and their treatment; and

(d) whether ICMR has given any thought to compulsorily introduce specialisation in at least one type of epidemic side by side exclusive branches of medicine and surgery during postgraduation?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) & (b): The Government has taken several measures to enable training and capacity building in COVID-19. Training, including virtual training, has been provided to doctors, nurses and allied healthcare professionals and volunteers regarding the relevant aspects of COVID-19. The Government of India has utilized the iGOT (Integrated Government Online Training) platform to train various personnel. Since the beginning of COVID-19, close to 14 lakh unique users across

the country have registered on this platform, recording enrollment of 29.29 lakh for different course. Additionally, more than 80 lakh health workforce has been trained in COVID related topics through the State Governments. Webinars and tutorials on various COVID related subjects were also uploaded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and reputed institutes like AIIMS (New Delhi), NIMHANS, PGIMER, JIPMER, etc. that recorded a viewership of 2.23 crore.

(c) & (d) As informed by National Medical Commission (NMC), a competency based module was introduced by the erstwhile Board of Governors, Medical Council of India (BoG-MCI) on management of pandemics in the MBBS curriculum in August, 2020.
