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OBJECTIVE STRUCTURAL CLINICAL EXAMINATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce Objective Structural Clinical Examination(OSCE) System with a view to make admission test in higher education in the field of Medical Science purposive and transparent besides maintaining its traditional nature ;
- (b) if so, the names of the diseases whose specialists would be selected to be awarded degrees ; and
- (c) the details of the procedure of selection of Doctors through the above-mentioned system?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI. A. RAJA)

- (a) The National Board of Examinations have introduced the practice of objective structured clinical examination for students seeking DNB degree for post-graduation alongwith conventional examination. This is an objective method of assessing the clinical skills of the students, which is transparent with more acceptability among students and the teachers.
- (b) The system has been introduced in the subject of ENT and Forensic Medicine. It is proposed to introduce such system in the specialities of Ophthalmology, Paediatrics, Gynaecology, Orthopaedic etc. in due course.
- (c) In this system, students are examined in a group. The number may vary from 22 to 30 and as per requirements a number of clinical stations are prepared. Each station deals with one aspect of the clinical problem with a pre-determined questions and marks. The students have to visit all the stations one by one for answering similar questions at all stations.