GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON MEDICAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of money spent by the Government on the education of an M.B.B.S. and an M.D. student in Government medical colleges;
- (b) the percent of this expenditure charged from the students;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make it conditional that all the medical students completing their education from the Government medical colleges will have to work in rural areas for a certain period of time; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & (b) There is no definite data in this regard available with the Central Government since there is no uniformity in expenditure incurred by Government on medical education for students at under-graduate and post-graduate levels and the figure varies from state to state and institution to institution.
- (c) & (d) The National Health Policy, 2002 envisages that State Government could rigorously enforce a mandatory two-year rural posting before awarding of the graduate degree. Some State Governments have already made rural service compulsory before admission to P.G. courses or at the time of initial appointment.