

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MANDATORY RURAL SERVICES FOR DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for doctors to serve in rural and tribal areas before awarding the degree;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in this regard; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c); The Government has constituted a Task Force on Medical Education for the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) under the Chairmanship of Ex-Union Health Secretary. The Task Force is required to suggest amongst other measures as to how rural service can be made attractive for MBBS doctors along with other possibilities of providing Health care in rural and under served areas including modifications in the curriculum for Medical course.