

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1898
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND DECEMBER, 2011**

SCREENING TEST FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES

**1898. SHRI P. VISWANATHAN:
SHRI BALJAYANT JAY PANDA:**

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

- (a) whether Indian students who graduate from a medical institution abroad have to qualify mandatory screening test conducted by National Board of Examinations (NBE) for getting provisional or permanent registration with the Medical Council of India (MCI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for the same while Regular Medical Practitioners (RMPs) in India are exempted from such test;
- (c) the number of the students who appeared in the said Screening test and the number out of them succeeded during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to allow foreign medical graduates/overseas Indian doctors/foreign doctors to serve in health care centres across the country without appearing in the Screening test, particularly in view of shortage of medical professionals in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken/proposed to make the test more transparent with well defined syllabus and publication of model question papers and correct answers?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)**

(a): Yes.

(b): As per the Screening Test Regulations, 2002, an Indian citizen possessing primarily medical education awarded by any medical institution