

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject such information is not maintained centrally. In so far as three Central Government Hospitals in Delhi, namely, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and its associated hospitals are concerned, the time taken for conducting different types of tests varies from test to test. The Laboratories/Departments send all the reports to the requisitioning department after result are obtained, in a time bound manner irrespective of the type of patients. However, sometimes all the prescribed tests cannot be done on the same day due to technical and procedural requirement.

Introuduction of new MBBS course

79. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY:

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to make undergraduate MBBS course six and a half years long, instead of the present five and a half years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) In an overall effort to improve medical education and make it more socially oriented and suitable from the public health perspective, discussions were held with the Medical Council of India (MCI) on 4th February, 2012 regarding exposing MBBS students to rural health care settings to enable them to acquaint themselves with broad community healthcare needs.

Measures to check seasonal diseases

†80. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of patients suffering from seasonal diseases like Malaria, Dengue, Chikungunya, etc. in various districts of the country is continuously increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether due to unavailability of treatment of these diseases, deaths are also taking place;

(d) if so, the number of patients died in the last three years and the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether the Ministry makes any special efforts for the prevention of seasonal diseases;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

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