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As you are aware the Twelfth Plan seeks to expand the reach of health care and work towards the long term objective of establishing a system of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). This requires strengthening of human resources in health particularly at the primary and secondary level.

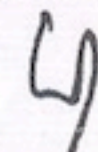
Since there is a continuing shortage in the availability of specialists at the sub-districts and CHCs level, this Ministry vide letter No.V.11025/56/2010/MEP-I dated 1.11.2010 had requested the State Government to start postgraduate courses in Family Medicine. However, the response from the States has not been encouraging.

There is a need for an integrated generalist approach to diagnosis and treatment and the family physicians are best positioned to deliver this integrated approach to diagnosis, treatment and complete healthcare management of an individual and family. A single postgraduate in Family Medicine can meet the requirement of a Surgeon, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Physician and a Paediatrician in a CHC, besides taking care of Public Health needs of the community.

In view of the foregoing, while I would once again reiterate that the Medical Colleges in your State should be encouraged to start the course in MD (Family Medicine) with approval of MCI, I would also recommend that DNB (Family Medicine) should also be started in large government hospitals and MD (Family Medicine)/DNB (Family Medicine) be made a desirable qualification for posting at CHCs and sub-district Hospitals.

Encl. : As above.

Yours sincerely,


o/c (Keshav Desiraju)

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