

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3375
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2026**

TRANSPARENCY IN FMGE EXAMINATIONS

**†3375. SHRI KULDEEP INDORA:
SHRI ZIA UR REHMAN:**

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

(a) whether the Government has received representations and serious complaints from candidates who appeared in the FMGE held on 28 June, 2026 regarding the inclusion of video-based questions for the first time, changes in the examination pattern without prior notice, an extremely lengthy and difficult question paper resulting in a pass percentage of only 12.40 percent, lack of transparency in evaluation, non-publication of the answer key and inadequate facilities at examination centres during the severe heatwave;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government/National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) to examine these grievances and conduct an inquiry into these complaints;

(c) whether similar complaints have been received in the last three years in FMGE or other national medical examinations and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is considering to take corrective measures, including the release of the FMGE June 2026 answer key to ensure fairness in the examination, bringing more transparency into the examination process and awarding 20 bonus marks to provide appropriate relief as demanded by the affected candidates; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): The Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) is conducted by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) in accordance with the provisions of the Screening Test Regulations for Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) seeking provisional or permanent registration with the National Medical Commission (NMC) or the respective State Medical Councils (SMCs). The Syllabus for FMGE comprises Subjects/Knowledge Areas as per the Competency based Undergraduate Curriculum published by NMC for the MBBS

Course.

As informed by NBEMS, video-based questions were included in the official demo test made available to candidates prior to the FMGE June 2026 examination to familiarize them with the examination interface and pattern and hence, were notified in advance.

The pass rate in FMGE depends on multiple factors, including the quality of medical education imparted, individual candidate's level of knowledge and performance in the examination. The overall pass percentage in FMGE June 2026 is 12.78%. Amongst freshers (those who have appeared for the first time), the pass percentage is more than 35%.

Moreover, NBEMS conducted audits of the examination centres prior to the conduct of the FMGE June 2026 to ensure their preparedness and the availability of necessary facilities. Adequate arrangements were made for candidates at all examination centres including the provision of additional cooling arrangements such as coolers, wherever warranted by local weather conditions. Adequate drinking water was also made available to candidates during both examination shifts at all examination centres.

(d) & (e): The FMGE examination is conducted through a structured question bank containing a finite pool of validated questions. Clause 9.7 of the FMGE Information Bulletin specifically provides that the examination is covered under a Non-Disclosure Agreement. Disclosure of question papers may compromise the integrity, confidentiality and future conduct of the examination.

Further, FMGE is conducted strictly in accordance with the notified regulations and prescribed qualifying criteria. Any changes relating to the eligibility criteria, syllabus or regulatory framework governing FMGs are considered by the NMC from time to time in accordance with the statutory provisions and stakeholder requirements.
