

Doctors protest compulsory rural posting

NEW DELHI: Doctors of several hospitals, including AIIMS, protested here on Thursday against the government's decision to make one year rural posting compulsory for medicos applying for PG entrance exams. They said rural posting should be made a part of PG. If at all rural posting was to be introduced before PG, then it should be made voluntary and not an eligibility criterion. As the protest intensified, police had to use water cannons to disperse the crowd. A delegation of medicos also met the Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary of Union Health Ministry at Nirman Bhavan, who said that the amendment in PG medical regulation was in line with the commitment of the government to improve the availability of doctors in rural areas. — PTI