

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW COURSE IN RHEUMATOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Andhra Government for starting a new Course viz. MD in Rheumatology in the Nizam`s Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has accorded the sanction therefor;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by when the Government proposes to clear the proposal?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d) A proposal has been received from Nizam`s Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad seeking permission to start DM - Rheumatology course at the Institute. The Medical Council of India noting various deficiencies in the Institute found at the time of inspection has not recommended for giving permission for starting DM - Rheumatology course. The deficiencies have been communicated to NIMS for rectification and in accordance with the provision of the Indian Medical Council Act and the Regulations framed thereunder. The grant of permission to NIMS for starting DM - Rheumatology by the Central Government would depend upon rectification of the deficiencies and availability of the necessary infrastructure facilities as per the norms of Medical Council of India.