

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1158  
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2006  
B PHARMACY COURSE  
Lagadapati Shri Rajagopal

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

- (a) whether the government is contemplating to introduce 5-year B-Pharmacy Course in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the names of the States which have already introduced 5-year B-Pharmacy Course and accredited by AICTE;
- (d) whether Kakatiya university in Andhra Pradesh has introduced 5-year B-Pharmacy Course which is getting positive response from the students and others; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for the National Pharmacy Council not recommending 5-year B-Pharmacy Course in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & (b): No, the Government is not contemplating to introduce any 5 year B-Pharmacy Course in the country.
- (c): As per the information available with the government the All India Technical Education Council (AICTE) has not accredited any 5-year B-Pharmacy Course.
- (d): A request for introducing 5 year B-Pharmacy Course was received by AICTE from Kakatiya University of Andhra Pradesh, which was placed in the 25th Meeting of the All India Board of Pharmaceutical Education held on April 7, 2006 but it was decided by the Board not to approve the request received from Kakatiya University.
- (e): As per information received from PCI, introduction of 5 years B-Pharmacy Course will not meet the international standards/requirements.