

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1041
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STARTING OF D.M. (RHEUMATOLOGY) COURSE
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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 the State Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking permission to start D.M. (Rheumatology) course in the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has accorded the sanction for the same;
- (c) if so, the time by which the course is likely to be started; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor including the time frame within which the proposal is likely to be accorded sanction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) A proposal has been received from Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad seeking permission to start DM- Rheumatology course at the Institute. The proposal was referred to Medical Council of India (MCI) for evaluation. The MCI after inspection of the college did not recommend for starting of the course in view of non-availability of qualified teaching staff. The deficiencies were conveyed to the institute authority. On the basis of clarification received from the institute authority, the MCI has been asked to reconsider the matter. The grant of permission to NIMS for starting DM- Rheumatology by the Central Government would depend upon availability of the necessary infrastructural facilities as per the norms of Medical Council of India (MCI) and the recommendations of the MCI thereon.