

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps taken by the Pharmacy Council of India to raise the standard of pharmaceutical education in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of the Pharmacy Council;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to streamline the functioning of the Pharmacy Council of India?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) Steps taken by Pharmacy Council of India to improve the quality of education in pharmacy include:

# Introduction of 6 year duration Pharma D. course. Course curriculum includes clinical aspects of medicines, patient safety, psychosocial social aspects of medicine, patient counseling besides linkage to professional experience in the hospitals and community pharmacy.

# Regulation relating course curriculum of M. Pharma has already been prepared by the PCI, which lays emphasis on theoretical knowledge, practical/clinical skills, thesis skills, communication skills and training in research methodology.

# B. Pharma regulation has also been drafted by the PCI, which prescribes quality assurance, validation procedures for equipment and techniques, good manufacturing practices, as part of the course curriculum.

# Under Continuing Education Programme, 8 refresher courses conducted during 2009-10.

# Teaching institutions are inspected by the PCI to ensure compliance of norms. During 2009-10 about 843 institutes were inspected with the outcome:

# 11 cases rejected

# 8 institutes were advised not to make admissions.

# 4 institutes issued notice for withdrawal of approval.

# Approval of 80 new degree and diploma institutes extended.

# 32 new diploma and degree institutes granted approval.

# Approval to 16 new Pharm D institutions granted.

# An official website of PCI has been started where RFID card with unique identification number of faculty in various pharmacy institutes are posted from time to time.

(b) & (c) The functioning of the Council is reviewed by the Government from time to time and its annual reports and accounts are laid in the Parliament.

(d) Does not arise.