

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

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GIFTS TO DOCTORS

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

- (a) whether the ban on doctors accepting gifts and hospitality from pharmaceutical industry has been implemented by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Medical Council of India is authorized to amend the Medical Ethics Regulations, which have been amended recently, and
- (d) the details of number of doctors who have been found accepting gifts from pharmaceutical companies after the said amendment and the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIDINESH TRVEDI)

- (a) & (b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, in consultation with Medical Council of India, has recently taken more stringent steps to curb malpractices resorted to by the doctors by amending the Indian Medical Council (Professional conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, on 10.12.2009. The amendment strictly prohibits the doctors from accepting gifts, travel facilities, hospitality, cash or monetary gains or any other favour from any pharmaceutical and allied health sector industry for self or family members. If the doctors/medical practitioner is found to be guilty, the appropriate Medical Council may award such punishment as deemed necessary or may direct the removal altogether or for a specified period from the register, the name of the delinquent doctor.
- (c) As per provisions of Indian Medical Council India Act, 1956, Medical Council of India, with the previous sanction of the Government, may amend the Medical Ethics Regulations.
- (d) No such complaint has been received in the Ministry after amendment of the Indian Medical Council (Professional conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, on 10.12.2009.