

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

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

- (a) whether the standard of the Pharmaceutical education in the country is at par with standard being followed by the various developed countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to upgrade the standards of the pharmaceutical education?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (c) The courses for Pharmaceutical education that are at par with national needs are:

- (i) D. Pharm (2 years course & 3 months practical training)
- (ii) B. Pharm (4 years course)
- (iii) Pharm D. (6 years course after 12th)

The Pharmacy Council of India has introduced Pharm D. Course of six years duration as a registrable qualification under the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to practice the profession of pharmacy. The syllabus or course contents lays emphasis on community pharmacy, clinical toxicology, pharmacotherapeutics, clinical research, hospital pharmacy and pharmaceutical research which not only take care of national needs but is also at par with international standards.