

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1624
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PRACTICE OF ALLOPATHY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/the medical Council of India (MCI) has received any proposal from various states including from Maharashtra for grant of permission for allopathic practice by the doctors imparted training of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Unani system of medicine and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the MCI has approved the said proposal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to allow doctors of other systems of medicine to practice allopathy in view of acute shortage of doctors in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a): The Medical Council of India has received a letter from the Medical Education & Drugs Department, Government of Maharashtra seeking opinion of the Medical Council of India (MCI) on practice of allopathy by homeopathy practitioners in the State of Maharashtra.
- (b) & (c) : Medical Council of India has clarified to Government of Maharashtra that no person other than a doctor having qualification recognized by MCI and registered with MCI or State Medical Councils is allowed to practice Modern System of Medicine or Surgery. A person obtaining qualification in any other system of medicine is not allowed to practice Modern system of Medicine in any form.
- (d): This Ministry has requested the States that, in view of the judgment given on 8.10.1998 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Dr. Mukhtiya Chand vs State of Punjab, the law prevailing in respective States relating to registration of practitioners of modern scientific medicine may be amended to provide an enabling provision to allow the enrolment of a Indian System of Medicine(ISM) professionals in the State Medical Register for registration of the practitioners of modern medicine, as maintained by the respective State Medical Councils. Simultaneously, Department of AYUSH has asked the Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM) to develop draft curriculum of different level of bridge courses for Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani graduate and post graduate doctors to provide them competency to practice preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative allopathic medicine in respect to the commonly encountered health problems.