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Title: Need to establish an independent National Physiotherapy Council.

DR. RATNA DE (NAG) (HOOGHLY): It is very pertinent to point out the role being played by Physiotherapy in the healthcare system.

Physiotherapy plays an important role in public healthcare delivery system.

The world health body, the WHO recognizes Physiotherapy as an independent medical profession. Likewise ILO too gave its concurrence in its International Standard Classification. India is the Member of both WHO and ILO. As I belong to the medicine profession, I have been aware for quite some time and of late, it came to my knowledge that there are more than four lakh Physiotherapists in India who graduated from more than 220 colleges and universities. Unfortunately, there is no authority to formulate standard curriculum, pedagogy and quality practice even after 70 years of independence. It is really disturbing to say the least.

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister and the Government to immediately establish an independent National Physiotherapy Council to give recognition to Physiotherapists for the service they are rendering.