

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

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POLICY TO REGULATE PRIVATE HOSPITALS NURSING HOMES AND NON GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS .  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a comprehensive policy to regulate private hospitals, nursing homes and other non-Governmental institutions ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the suggestions received;

(e) the decision of the Union Government thereto;

(f) whether Government propose to draw a legal code of conduct with a view to effect transparency in their functioning and to make them more accountable; and (g) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the code of conduct will come into operation?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (g) 'Health' is a State subject under the Constitution of India and it is the responsibility of respective State/Union Territory to regulate the functioning of private hospitals, nursing homes and other non-governmental institutions in the State/Union Territory under the rules/law available in the State/Union Territory. However, Government of India is considering the following initiatives :-

- i) to make a mandatory provision that the patients or their attendants can, if desired, obtain a certified copy of their medical records from the concerned hospital whether government or private;
- ii) re-registration every five years after undergoing 30 hours of continuing medical education for constant updating the knowledge of doctors by suitable amendments to the Indian Medical Council Act; and
- iii) notification of minimum standards of physical infrastructure and manpower in all hospitals, nursing homes and diagnostic centres offering medical services.

The above initiatives are at initial stage and it is not possible to indicate the time that will be required to reach finality.