

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

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

- (a) whether the Government are considering to upgrade the quality of medical education and teaching skills in the Government colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is good scope for India becoming a center of medical education in Asia;
- (d) whether any discussions have been held with State Governments in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details of such discussions; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken to improve the medical educational facilities in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): There are Regulations already in place framed by Medical Council of India with the approval of the Central Government to ensure the quality of medical education and teaching skills in medical colleges. The Undergraduate and Postgraduate curricula in medical sciences are reviewed from time to time to keep pace with the developments in the field of medicine. In order to facilitate improvement in the quality of education imparted in the Government Medical Colleges, recently the Government have initiated a scheme to inter-link the medical libraries in the Government Medical colleges to the National Medical Library to make available the desired information to the teachers, medical students, research scholars etc. In addition, Government is also providing funds through the Medical Council of India for the Continuing Medical Education Programme which can be availed by the professionals in the medical institutions for upgrading their knowledge and teaching skill.

The medical colleges in India are already attracting number of foreign and NRI students each year. As such there is good scope for India becoming a centre of medical education. There has however, been no specific discussion in this regard with the State Governments.