

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

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GUIDELINES FOR OPENING OF NEW MEDICAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the function of the Medical Council of India ;

(b) the guidelines for opening of new Medical Colleges or increasing seats ; and

(a) the measures taken to ensure compulsory inspection before permitting opening of new Medical Colleges or increasing seats in the existing Medical Colleges?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): The main functions of Medical Council of India are as follows:-

Maintenance of Indian Medical Register, grant of provisional/permanent registration to persons having recognized medical qualifications obtained from India and abroad.

Maintenance of uniform standards of medical education.

Conducting inspections/visitations of medical colleges.

Sending recommendations to the Govt. with regard to recognition/derecognition of medical qualifications.

Recommendation to the Govt. with regard to reciprocity with foreign countries in the matter of mutual recognition of medical qualifications.

Issue of good standing certificates to registered medical graduates.

(b) & (c): The detail guidelines for opening of new Medical Colleges or increasing seats have been prescribed in the 'Establishment of New Medical Colleges Regulations,1999' notified under the Section 10(A) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956. As per these Regulations, the Medical Council of India is required to conduct physical inspection for evaluation of infrastructure and faculty etc. before making recommendations regarding establishment of any medical college or increase in capacity to Central Government for its approval.