

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

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GOAL OF UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to bring about some changes in the Indian health care industry and set up an accreditation system;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Indian Healthcare Foundation had organized summit recently in Delhi on Universal Health care titled Indian challenges;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government on the measures suggested by the CII and the Indian Healthcare Foundation to improve and achieve the goal of universal healthcare in the country?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Central Government is in the process of drafting a legislation for formulating standards and specifications for hospitals, nursing homes and other clinical establishments to ensure quality health care services including norms for assessment, accreditation, inspection, certification, regulation of such clinical establishment as well as maintenance of records.

For this purpose, a draft Clinical Establishment (Regulation & Accreditation) Bill 2005 has been prepared. The bill inter-alia provide for setting up of a National Accreditation Council for Clinical Establishment and also seeks to make enabling provision for laying down norms for accreditation.

(c) to (e): As per information received from CII, 3rd Indian Health Summit was organized on 21-22 November, 2005 at New Delhi. The theme of the Summit was `Universal Health Care. India`s challenge`. The summit discussed the issues on best practices being adopted across the world, Universal Health Care, Urban and Rural Health Care besides health insurance, Medical Tourism, and Accreditation etc.

No such recommendation/proceedings of the Summit have been received so far from CII.