

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

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RATING SYSTEM FOR HOSPITALS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch a rating system for private and public hospitals as reported in the Times of India dated April 30, 2006;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof alongwith the purpose therefor;
- (c) the manner in which the Government plans to ensure that the poor patients also get treatment in high rated hospitals; and
- (d) the time by which the rating system is likely to be introduced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUSTION NO. 481 FOR 17TH MAY, 2006

There are various mechanisms by which quality of services and care provided by hospitals and other health care institutions can be assessed. Some of these are Accreditation, Certification and Rating. Concerned health institutions obtain these quality benchmarks depending on their own requirement and the requirement of clients they serve. Government of India has taken the view that Accreditation etc. is to be purely a voluntary process and, therefore, should be left to independent specialist agencies outside the Government set up. There can also be more than one agency that could undertake such accreditation, certification or rating. Such agencies will fix their own standards. The Quality Council of India, which is an autonomous body set up by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has set up a National Accreditation Board of Hospital (NABH).

The purpose of accreditation/rating is to assure the patients about the quality of services available in the accredited hospital.