

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2093
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DERECOGNITION OF KASTURBA MEDICAL COLLEGE
Madhwaraj Smt. Manorama

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

- (a) Whether the Medical Council of India has recommended to the Government for the withdrawal of recognition of Kasturba Medical Colleges at Manipal and Mangalore;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) The action taken by the Government in this regard; (d) Whether as per listing in the International Medical Education Directory, students from KMC are eligible to appear for the ECFMG examination during the period 1955-2003;
- (e) If so, whether the KMC students in the current batches would not be able to sit for the ECFMG examination as the abrupt derecognition of KMC will jeopardise the future of many students ; and
- (f) If so, the concrete steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) The Medical Council of India (MCI) has made a recommendation for de-recognition of the MBBS degree awarded by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Deemed University) in respect of its constituent medical colleges viz., Kasturba Medical College, Manipal and Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore in Karnataka. As per the MCI, the said recommendation was made in view of the excess admission of students in MBBS course made by Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) against the NRI/foreign students quota beyond the limit of 15% laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

As per the provisions of the Act, the medical qualification being awarded by any University in respect of the students of a specified college or institution affiliated to that University can be de-recognized only after following the procedure laid down therein and shall take effect only from the date as may be specified by the Central Government in this regard by a Notification in the official Gazette. The degree, if any, awarded to the students admitted in such colleges in the medical courses concerned till the date of such de-recognition shall continue to remain recognized. Accordingly the degrees awarded by KMC continued to be recognized & as such the students are eligible to appear in the ECFMG Examination if they are other wise eligible.