

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

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REGULATORY CODE FOR DOCTORS

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

- (a) whether the Medical Council of India (MCI) has recently summoned a number of doctors to appear before its Ethics Committee over graft charges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the erring doctors;
- (c) whether the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and the Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI) have constituted a joint committee to formulate a self-regulatory code for doctors and hospitals in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen the existing regulation in this regard and to ensure their proper enforcement and compliance by the doctors in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

- (a) & (b): Yes. The Medical Council of India has informed that they are in receipt of an anonymous complaint, which was referred by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, New Delhi. The complaint is against several doctors of receiving cash payment, foreign trips, gifts, etc. from ERIS Life Sciences Pvt. Limited, Ahmedabad. The matter has been placed before the Ethics Committee of the MCI.
- (c) & (d): No such information is available with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- (e): The Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 has already been amended vide notification dated 10th December, 2009 to restrict doctors from accepting gifts/favours from pharmaceutical and allied health sector industry.