

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2835
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2018**

MAJOR REFORMS IN MBBS CURRICULUM

2835. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes major reforms in MBBS curriculum;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the time by which new curriculum is likely to be ready for medical students?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (c): Medical Council of India (MCI) is a statutory body to prescribe and maintain standards in medical education in the country. The curriculum for MBBS course is prescribed under the Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 1997. The Reconciliation Board of MCI has revised the MBBS curriculum to make it competency based at par with global standards. It was done in consultation with all the stakeholders including inviting comments from the public. The proposal of MCI was examined by a technical committee in the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and approval with certain observations has been conveyed to MCI. It is now proposed that the undergraduate programme would include a foundation course of one month to orient students to medical profession, ethics, patient safety, national health priorities, alternate health systems etc. The students would be provided early clinical exposure and enhancement of professional development including attitude, ethics and communication skills. As per the information provided by MCI, the new curriculum has been copyrighted.