

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1864
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2025**

COMPLIANCE OF NMC REGULATIONS ON GENERIC PRESCRIPTION

1864. SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

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

- (a) the initiatives taken by NMC and EMRB to ensure compliance with Regulation 1.5 of the Medical Council of India (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002, deemed to be made by NMC;
- (b) whether failure to prescribe medicines by their generic names amounts to professional misconduct;
- (c) the reasons for rampant violations nationwide even after 23 years;
- (d) the details of circulars, directions or advisories issued; and
- (e) the number of RMPs found guilty and the disciplinary action taken?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (e): Clause 1.5 of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 prescribes that every physician should prescribe drugs with generic names legibly and preferably in capital letters and he/she shall ensure that there is a rational prescription and use of drugs.

The erstwhile Medical Council of India (MCI) had issued Circulars vide which all the Registered Medical Practitioners have been directed to comply with the aforesaid provisions. Moreover, the Directorate General of Health Services has directed all Central Government hospitals to prescribe generic medicines only. Similar instructions have also been issued to 'prescribe drugs with generic name legibly' to all Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Doctors and Wellness Centres.

The National medical Commission (NMC) Act, 2019 empowers State Medical Council (SMC) or the Ethics & Medical Registration Board (EMRB) of NMC to take disciplinary action in respect of any professional or ethical misconduct by a registered medical practitioner or professional.
