

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1988
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th DECEMBER, 2017**

NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION

1988. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

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

- (a) the number of medical colleges recognised by the Medical Council of India (MCI) and the number of private medical colleges out of them;
- (b) whether the Government is considering NITI Aayog's proposal of replacing the MCI with a National Medical Commission (NMC) and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the manner in which the Government would like to reduce corruption through setting up three boards under the NMC;
- (d) whether the Government has considered setting up regional councils by combining the existing State medical councils; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a): As per the information provided by the Medical Council of India (MCI), a total No. of 349 Medical Colleges including 175 Private Medical Colleges are recognized for different intake capacities.

(b) & (c): A four member committee headed by Vice Chairman NITI Aayog framed a draft "National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill" that provides for constitution of NMC in place of MCI. The Bill has been approved by the Cabinet in its meeting held on 15.12.2017.

The Bill seeks to establish four autonomous boards viz. Under-Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB), Post-Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB), Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) and Ethics and Medical Registration Board (EMRB) under the proposed National Medical Commission. Distribution of responsibilities among different structures of a Regulatory Body as envisaged in the NMC Bill may help in avoiding concentration of power and also provide necessary checks and balances.

(d): No.

(e): Does not arise.