

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1360
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2018**

REFORMS FOR NURSING SECTOR

1360. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes introduction of various reforms including nurses registration through Aadhaar and nursing education through the establishment of Nurses Registration Tracking System (NRTS), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Nursing Council meet was recently held in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Trained Nurses Association of India holds its national meet also in Guntur, if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to convert all nursing schools into nursing colleges by 2022 in the country and if so, the details thereof and progress made in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to annul diploma course and start degree level courses in critical care/ primary health care to improve the skills of nurses to suit the present conditions, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to provide security to nurses through Nurse Practitioners Act, 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). Yes. The silent features of Nurses Registration tracking System (NRTS) is as under:
 - 1. Standard application form and procedures for clearance of application forms across the country.
 - 2. Primary and Reciprocal registration will be done in a day
 - 3. Unique identification of each Nurse/Midwives resulting in ease of verification process across country

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4. Online availability of data of active and registered nurse/ Midwives across country through Computerized Live Register.
5. Free enrolment of Nurses- Hassel free registrations and linked with Aadhar-Biometric Authentication
6. Simplified integrated uniform Registration System across the country
7. Facilitate for effective manpower planning for policy makers at State and National Level.
8. Empowers Nurses with National Unique Identity Number(NUID)
9. Renewal of Licence once in Five years linked with 150 house of continuing Nursing Education (CNE)
10. Candidate getting NUID Card will get the incentive of 30 hours of CNE for the first time.
11. Uniform issuance of Nurse Passbook comprising of complete history of nurse Midwife.

(b): No.

(c): Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI) holds its National meet on the theme of “Empowering Nurses through Advances Technology”.

(d) & (e): As per National Health Policy (NHP), 2017, consultation with all stake-holders have been started for implementing single entry level for nursing by merging GNM Courses with B.Sc. Nursing Courses/phasing out of GNM Schools by March, 2022. The process is at initial stage.

(f): As on date, the Hospitals/Institutes where Nurses works, provides legal security to them.

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