

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1144
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

NMDPC

1144. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up a National Medical Devices Promotion Council (NMDPC) in near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it will work as a facilitator and developmental body for Indian Medical Devices Industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether it will also identify redundant processes and provide technical assistance to simplify the approval processes involved in medical devices industry and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (e): Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry has set up National Medical Devices Promotion Council (NMDPC) to facilitate and promote Indian medical device industry. The objectives of NMDPC inter- alia, include supporting dissemination and documentation of international norms and standards for medical devices by capturing the best practices in the global market; driving a robust and dynamic Preferential Market Access (PMA) policy by identifying the strengths of the Indian manufacturers and discouraging unfair trade practices in imports; making recommendations to the Government based on industry feedback and global practices on policy and process interventions to strengthen the medical technology sector, including trade interventions for related markets facilitation and promotion of the Indian medical devices industry; identifying redundant processes and rendering technical assistance to the agencies/ departments concerned in order to simplify the approval processes involved in medical devices industry. The Council is comprised of members from concerned Government Departments and industry stakeholders.