

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 357
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH MARCH, 2023**

CORRUPTION IN MEDICAL INDUSTRY

***357. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:**

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Transparency International ranks India's medical industry as the second most corrupt;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce any regulatory mechanism to curb/control corruption in medical industry/sector and ensure transparency; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (d): Government of India notified Uniform Code for Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP) w.e.f. 01.01.2015, for addressing unethical practices by Pharma Companies. The UCPMP contains provisions whereby companies or their associations/representations or any person acting on their behalf shall not extend any gift, cash, hospitality, travel facility inside or outside the country to Health-Care Professionals and their family members for vacation or for attending conferences, seminars, workshops, CME programmes etc. as a delegate. At present, the code is voluntarily adopted for compliance by the Industry.
