

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 127
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH JULY, 2023**

CRITERIA FOR RATING MEDICAL COLLEGES

***127. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:**

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

- (a) the details of the criteria followed by the Government and private organizations to rate medical colleges in the country;
- (b) whether the Government/National Medical Commission (NMC) has tied up with Quality Council of India (QCI) to rate Indian medical colleges in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objectives for the said purpose; and
- (d) the details regarding the manner in which the Government ratings will help students choose right medical college and prevent the practice of private medical colleges from exploiting the students by charging high fees?

**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): As per the National Medical Commission (NMC) Act, 2019, the Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) has been entrusted the responsibility for assessing and rating of medical institutions for their compliance with standards laid down by the NMC.

As per the information provided by NMC, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the MARB and the Quality Council of India (QCI) for the assessment and rating of medical colleges. Under this MoU, QCI conducts comprehensive assessments and ratings of medical colleges across India based on mutually agreed standards and guidelines. The objectives of the MoU are as follows:-

- i. To enhance educational standards
- ii. To foster accountability and transparency
- iii. To promote excellence in medical education
- iv. To facilitate continuous quality improvement
- v. To ensure standardisation and harmonization
- vi. To support regulatory decision-making
- vii. To foster collaboration and knowledge sharing
- viii. To enhance public trust

Rating of Medical Colleges will help students taking informed decisions pertaining to admission in the following manner:

- i. differential rating grades of medical colleges.
- ii. annual rating of medical colleges following the guidelines set by NMC.
- iii. students and parents would refer to these rankings and make an informed decision as per sensitization/arrangements made by NMC.
