

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2128
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2022**

REGULATORY BODY FOR PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND NURSES

**2128. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND BIND:
SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:**

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

- (a) the details of regulatory and controlling body at national level for physiotherapists and nurses in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to create an independent central council for physiotherapists to regularize physiotherapy education and recruitment in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the teacher student ratio laid down by Indian Nursing Council and whether the shortage of faculty is affecting the functioning of nursing colleges and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce physiotherapy at primary health centre/District health centre/District Hospital levels and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to enact physiotherapy as a counterpart of yoga in allopathic system of medicine and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to bring physiotherapy under Ministry of AYUSH and create a new nomenclature and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (f): The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act, 2021 has been enacted on 28th March, 2021. The Act provides for a common Regulatory body for 56 allied and healthcare professions including physiotherapy. Interim Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (ICAHP) has already been notified.

Indian Nursing Council is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, constituted under Indian Nursing Council (INC) Act 1947. It maintains uniform standards and regulates

nursing education in the country. The Council has laid down teacher student ratio of 1:10 for all the nursing programs.

Administrative and personnel matters, including engagement of physiotherapy, lie with the respective State/UT Governments.

As informed by the Ministry of AYUSH and the National Medical Commission, there is no such proposal to enact physiotherapy as a counterpart of yoga.
