

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 874
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH FEBRUARY, 2025**

TEACHER STUDENT RATIO

**874. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI CHAVAN RAVINDRA VASANTRAO:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:**

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

(a) whether the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) has mandated a maximum teacher to student ratio of 1:24 for Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharma) courses and 1:24 for the two year D. Pharma programme for the upcoming academic session modifying the earlier teacher to student ratio of 1:15 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the PCI has held any consultation with the stakeholders and private colleges providing B. Pharma and D. Pharma degree and diploma and if so, the details thereof and the response thereto;

(c) whether Educators has criticized the said move of PCI alleging that it would result in less number of teachers recruitment thereby leading to less employment and decline in quality of education and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to maintain the quality of education in Pharmacy sector in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): As per Education Regulation, 2020 of Pharmacy Council of India, Staff to student ratio of D. Pharm Course should not exceed 1:60 in theory classes and 1:20 in practical classes. However, the staff to student ratio was not specified in the Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm.) Course Regulations, 2014.

Subsequently, taking into consideration the representations received from stakeholders from different states, Pharmacy Council of India, vide their circular No. 5323 dated 09.01.2025, prescribed that staff to student ratio should not exceed 1:20 in theory

classes and practical classes in B. Pharm Course. It is further informed that earlier also there was neither teacher to student ratio of 1:24 nor 1:15. PCI has informed that no educator has criticized this move of PCI.

(d) Various steps have been/are being taken by the Central Government to maintain quality of education in Pharmacy sector like implementation of Aadhar authentication system to bring transparency into teaching and professional activities, creation of a single-window system to streamline the registration process for Pharmacists, collaboration with Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) to establish pharma co-vigilance centres and monitor medication safety, embracement of innovation and technology in inspection process of pharmacy institutions, revision of B. Pharm Curriculum, introduction of faculty and student portal to ensure transparent registration, revolutionizing of the assessment and rating system for pharmacy education institutes in collaboration with Quality Council of India (QCI).
