

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2258
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2025**

TRAINING SESSION ON TRANSGENDER HEALTHCARE

2258. SMT. KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recent directive of the Tamil Nadu Medical Council regarding sensitization session on healthcare of Transgender directing mandatory training thereon for all doctors, educators and medical students in the State;
- (b) whether a number of Central Medical Colleges and healthcare institutions have conducted these mandatory sensitization sessions in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of such sensitization sessions organised and attended by the doctors, educators and medical students in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to initiate comprehensive training sessions to sanitise medical and allied health professionals across the country, ensuring equitable healthcare for sexual and gender minorities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (e): The National Medical Commission (NMC) is an apex statutory body, constituted by an act of Parliament, to regulate and oversee medical education in the country. The Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) guidelines issued by the NMC in 2024 for Undergraduate medical students highlight the importance of ethical values, patient-centered responsiveness, effective communication skills, and gender sensitization. To nurture these competencies, the guidelines include a dedicated longitudinal curriculum titled AETCOM, focusing on Attitude, Ethics, and Communication. Further, one of the competencies has been included under the Psychiatry subject so that students demonstrate an understanding of the medico-legal, societal, ethical, and humanitarian principles on dealing with LGBTQA+ community.

Further, as informed by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences & Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, the hospital has started a Transgender OPD from 17.11.2023, which is being conducted every Friday evening.
