

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4760  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**POLICY FOR MEDICAL COURSES**

†4760. SHRI CHANDAN CHAUHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is formulating a comprehensive policy to offer MBBS, BAMS, BHMS and other medical courses in Hindi and other mother tongues, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any National mechanism has been put in place for the translation of medical textbooks, the standardisation of technical terminology and development of digital study materials, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the concrete steps taken so far to increase the participation of students from rural and disadvantaged communities in mother tongue-based medical education in the country; and
- (d) the details of the time frames and the budgetary provisions for the effective implementation of this initiative in the country?

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

(a) to (d): The Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) curriculum issued by the National Medical Commission (NMC) provides for teaching, learning and assessment in a bilingual mode integrating English with regional languages such as Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odiya, Punjabi, Tamil and Telugu.

Further, the Foundation Course under the CBME curriculum aims to prepare learners for effective medical study by fostering skills in language, interpersonal relationships, communication and other related competencies. Additionally, learners may be enrolled concurrently in a local language programme, an English language programme or a computer skills training programme.

Moreover, as informed by the Ministry of AYUSH, the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has undertaken various initiatives to standardize Ayurveda terminology, including the publication of the Standardized Ayurveda Terminologies on the National Ayush Morbidity and Standardized Terminologies Electronic Portal (NAMASTE Portal). CCRAS has also contributed to the development of the WHO International Standard Terminologies on Ayurveda and the Traditional Medicine Module 2 of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) and has developed electronic versions of classical Ayurveda texts such as Charakasamhita and Sushrutasamhita, which are available online.

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