

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 84
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND JULY, 2016
MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMISSION**

***84. SHRI HARISH MEENA:**

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

(a) whether the medical education and healthcare system needs total overhaul, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set up any Committee to prepare a blueprint for setting up of Medical Education Commission so as to usher reforms in the medical sector and if so, the details of terms of reference and composition of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report and if so, the major recommendations of the Committee; and

(d) if not, the time by which the said Committee is likely to submit its report?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(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) The Medical Council of India (MCI) is the statutory body responsible for establishing and maintaining high standards in medical education. For this purpose, MCI causes the assessment of every medical college on a year to year basis. Improvements in the processes involved in the setting up and functioning of medical colleges is a continuous process, keeping in view the evolving needs.

(b) to (d) Yes. A four member Committee headed by Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog has been constituted on 28.03.2016 with the following Terms of References (ToRs) :

(i) The Committee may examine all options for reforms in the Medical Council of India and suggest way forward.

(ii) The Committee may also visit the features of other regulatory institutions in the field of medical education and suggest suitable reforms.

The composition of this Committee is as follows:

- i) Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
- ii) Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister
- iii) CEO, NITI Aayog
- iv) Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare – Convenor

The Committee is engaging various stakeholders so as to complete its report expeditiously.
