

Unfair practice of private hospitals

194. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many private hospitals in the country hire unregistered doctors at meager salaries and risk the lives of patients;

(b) whether Government proposes to ask Medical Council of India to examine the matter and submit report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Health being a state subject, it is for State Government to regulate/monitor the functioning of its hospitals and to ensure that the hospitals comply with the norms/regulations prescribed by the respective State Government as well as to take punitive action against these hospitals in case of proven unethical/unscrupulous conduct.

Medical Council of India only regulates medical education and registration of qualified medical professionals of Allopathic System of Medicine and has no role in regulating the functioning of private hospitals.

Nutrition related diseases in women

195. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a multi-centric study (2005-08) on nutrition related diseases in women has indicated high prevalence of obesity and high cholesterol levels in women over 35 years of age in India;

(b) whether Government has examined the report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per information available, Department of Science and Technology had funded a multi-centric study in 2005 on Development of appropriate prevention and interventions strategies for nutrition related non-communicable disorders amongst women in post reproductive period with All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi as the coordination centre. The study is still in progress.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Government spending on health care

196. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: