

**N.K. Ganguly Committee report on medical code of ethics**

555. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to amend the Medical Code of Ethics to legalise travel and hospitality sponsorship for doctors by pharmaceutical companies;

(b) if so, the details of amendments suggested by the Department of Pharmaceuticals in the Code;

(c) whether the N.K. Ganguly Committee appointed for the purpose has submitted its report and if so, the details of main recommendations of the Committee; and

(d) the further steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA) : (a) As on date, clause 6.8 of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 prohibits sponsorship (including gifts, travel facilities, hospitality etc.) of medical doctors and professional association of doctors by pharmaceutical companies.

(b) The proposal for amending the said clause, as received from Department of Pharmaceuticals, is not notified.

(c) and (d) As informed by Medical Council of India (MCI), the Board of Governors (BoG) of MCI constituted a committee for “preparation of Ethical Guidelines for Medical Education and Clinical Practice” under the chairmanship of Dr. N.K. Ganguly on 05.12.2011. The committee held several meetings. However, the BoG decided to dissolve the said committee constituted to suggest amendments in Regulations of Ethics.

**Low cancer survival rate of patients in India**

556. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has high cancer incidence, mortality and prevalence but low cancer survival rate, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has received a number of proposals from the States/ Union Territories including Maharashtra regarding financial assistance for establishment/ upgradation of cancer facilities under various schemes?