

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th February, 2024**

CREATION OF STATUTORY COUNCIL

1201. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

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

- (a) whether professional social workers are an integral part of the healthcare system across the world;
- (b) if so, whether the Government intends to create a statutory council at par with the Medical and Nursing Council to streamline and regulate the functioning of the professional social workers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the National Medical Commission (NMC) has stipulated the appointment of professional social workers in medical colleges, if so, the details thereof including the department-wise stipulated posts and qualification prescribed; and
- (e) whether the Government has reviewed the progress in appointment of professional social workers in medical colleges across the country as stipulated by the NMC guidelines and if so, the details thereof including its compliance status?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e): All the administrative and personnel matters related to health human resource lies with the respective State/UT Governments. However, as per Minimum Standard Requirements (MSR), 2023, manpower requirement has been specified for Social Worker/MSW with applied research inclination in Rural and Urban Health Training Centre.
