

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2249
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st JULY, 2026**

RIGHT TO PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FOR REGISTERED PHARMACISTS

†2249. SHRI UJJWAL RAMAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering granting registered pharmacists the right to provide primary healthcare and to engage in limited practice;
- (b) if so, the details and the timeframe thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c): The Pharmacy Practice Regulations, 2015 regulate the practice of pharmacy by registered pharmacists. The Regulations prescribe various duties and responsibilities for registered pharmacists, *inter alia*, including dispensing medicines only against prescriptions issued by Registered Medical Practitioners, providing practical training to student pharmacists, maintaining patient records, ensuring patient confidentiality, promoting the rational use of medicines, adhering to professional ethics, and counselling patients to ensure the safe and effective use of medicines.
