

7. National Commission for Homoeopathy Bill, 2019

Prelims Level: Medicine & Pharma

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Why in News?

- Cabinet approves official amendments in the National Commission for Homoeopathy Bill, 2019.

Highlights:

- The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the official amendments in the National Commission for Homoeopathy Bill, 2019 for amending the Homoeopathy Central Council (HCC) Act, 1973. At present, the Bill is pending in Rajya Sabha.
- The Amendments intend to ensure necessary regulatory reforms in the field of Homoeopathy Education.
- They will also enable transparency and accountability for protecting the interests of the general public.
- The bill seeks the establishment of the National Commission for Homoeopathy, which will replace the current regulatory body for homoeopathy, the Homoeopathy Central Council.
- The Commission will promote the availability of affordable healthcare services in all parts of the country.
- The Homoeopathy Central Council (HCC) Act, 1973 was enacted for:
 - The constitution of a Central Council of Homoeopathy for the regulation of education and practice of Homoeopathy.
 - The maintenance of a Central Register of Homoeopathy and for matters connected therewith.
 - The broad functions, constitution and regulation-making powers of the Council are identical to those of the Medical Council of India.
- While the Act provides a solid foundation for the growth of medical education and practice in Homoeopathy, various bottlenecks in the functioning of the Council have been experienced, which has resulted in serious detrimental effects on medical education as well as delivery of quality Homoeopathy Healthcare Services.