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New Delhi: Urging the health ministry to immediately scrap the Medical Council of India (MCI) Act, leading doctors, parliamentarians and health activists have lauded the ongoing efforts to overhaul the MCI.

The move comes in the wake of a parliamentary panel recommending a revamp of the MCI, which regulates the practice as well as study of medicine in India, and the SC appointing a committee to oversee its functioning. "We have reached a stage where corruption in MCI and the medical world at large is bound to lead towards major upheaval. The current MCI leadership looks like the proverbial three monkeys. It should immediately resign on moral grounds," said Dr Abhay Shukla of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan.

Dr Samiran Nundy, a senior surgeon at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said Britain's General Medical Council could be a good model for restructuring MCI, and that the body should have nominated members from the civil society.