

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 09.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**INCREASE IN ENROLMENT BY MEDICAL COLLEGES .**

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Shri Naresh Agrawal

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

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to double the number of enrolments for seeking admission in existing Government and private medical colleges in the country keeping in view the paucity of doctors in urban and rural areas;
- (b) if so, the criteria fixed therefor and by when the decision would be taken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 17 FOR 9TH NOVEMBER, 2010

While Government is not contemplating doubling of the present intake capacity of admission in medical colleges, steps have been taken to facilitate increase of seats in various medical courses in medical colleges and to meet the shortage of doctors in the country particularly in rural areas. The Central Government has amended Medical Council of India Regulations relaxing the norms in terms of teacher student ratio, land requirements, bed strength, bed occupancy, maximum admission capacity, increase in the age of teaching faculty, starting of PG courses in pre & para clinical at the time of 4th batch and other infrastructure facilities. Further, there is a scheme for strengthening and upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges for starting new Post Graduate (PG) disciplines and increasing PG seats by Central funding during 11th Plan. The Central Government has proposed to set up six AIIMS like institutions in the underserved areas, one each in the State of Bihar (Patna), Chhattisgarh (Raipur), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Orissa (Bhubaneswar), Rajasthan (Jodhpur) and Uttarakhand (Rishikesh). There is also a proposal to set up two more AIIMS like institutions in the State of West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. ....